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MOTORFEST - A HIT OR A MISS?

Organisers hail annual event a success but some spectators left disappointed and confused

Firefighters at Ormskirk MotorFest during the mock accident scene.

Report by **Kenny Parker**

ORGANISERS of the Ormskirk MotorFest have hailed the event a success with record crowds - but some disappointed spectators have described it as the worst since the event was launched!

The annual motoring festival, one of the biggest free events in the North West, returned to town on Sunday highlight of the day, the parade, scheduled for between 2.30 and 4.30pm.

However, hitches to a mock 'live' accident scene, organised with Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service and Highways England, meant that some visitors had no idea what was going on for long periods of time.

To maintain the appearance of a real action scene, the stunt, which saw fire-fighters take the roof off a car and emergency medical staff pretend to attend to accident victims, was not advertised. As a result many in the crowd waiting for the parade were unable to hear the commentary so didn't know what was happening!

Then, during the act the firefighters were called away to a genuine incident in Downholland, before returning and the resultant delay left more visitors puzzled about what was going on

One motoring enthusiast told the Champion that he felt the event had really "gone downhill."

He said: "There were a lot of problems with delayed parades and poor communication this year, with the end result being parades at 5pm, long after most of the crowds had given up and gone home.

"A lot of spectators at the event said that it was the worst MotorFest in the event's history - and my own impressions were that it was a long way, quality-wise, from the event's early outings."

He also claimed the festival was no longer attracting the 'big hitters' like Formla 1 cars and Ferraris.

Anothet festival-goer, Kyle May, posted on social media that while the event was otherwise "brilliantly managed" people were leaving during the enacted crash scene.

He wrote: "It was a bit bizarre to say the least. I get the emergency services wanted to make a statement but to anyone not standing close to the commentary booth it just seemed like a massive cock-up with the parade, meaning hundreds of people just wandered off looking bored. I would've quite liked to see the demonstration too if I'd had any clue it was happening.

"Really strange decision, and really poorly communicated."

But there were also positive comments on social media with visitors variously saying the event was "fantastic" and that they had had "an amazing day."

The event is organised by Aintree Circuit Club with the support of West Lancs Council and in a joint statement they said this year's MotorFest had record-breaking crowds and they had received much positive feedback.

The statement added: "A lot of effort goes into organising MotorFest which is an extremely popular event and there were a huge amount of high-quality vehicles, including Ferraris, Porsches, Bentleys, Aston Martins, an AC Cobra 289, an Ultima GTR and a wide range of superb vintage and classic vehicles.

"Unfortunately some racing cars which were expected to attend did not appear due to mechanical issues sustained during recent racing events.

"Each year Motorfest organisers try to add something new to the event to continue to keep it current and interesting. The working aircraft engine in Coronation Park and emergency services demonstration of how they deal with an RTA were new displays for this year's event which were very well received by visitors.

"Organisers appreciate feedback from people attending the event and will take these comments into consideration when organising future events. Constructive criticism is always welcome and helps shape future events to address any concerns raised."

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Two arrested in connection with armed robbery at Aughton farm

DETECTIVES have arrested two people in connection with an armed robbery in Aughton.

Police were called at around 9.40pm on July 28 to a report a man had been injured during a robbery at a farm on Back Lane.

Officers attended the address and found the 65-year-old victim had been shot in the ankle and knee with what is believed to be a firearm.

Four shotguns, jewellery, watches and cash were stolen from the property.

Following enquiries a 30-year-old man from Liverpool was arrested on suspicion of armed robbery and has been released under investigation pending further enquiries.

And a 37-year-old woman, also from Liverpool, was arrested on suspicion of aggravated burglary, possession of firearms offences and fraud. She has been released under investigation pending further enquiries.

A number of addresses have been searched in Merseyside as part of ongoing police enquiries.

Anyone with information about the incident or the location of those involved is asked to call Lancashire Police immediately on 101 quoting incident reference 1553 of July 28. Alternatively independent charity Crimestoppers can be contacted anonymously on 0800 555 111 or online at crimestoppers-uk.org.

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Council CCTV assisted with 100-plus incidents per week in past year

THE latest report into the use of West Lancs Council's CCTV cameras shows that they are being used in more than 100 incidents in the borough every week and assisted police in making 264 arrests in the year 2018/19.

Over the past seven years the council has increased investment in community CCTV, expanding the scheme to install cameras in areas viewed as priority.

The authority currently operates a total of 106 community cameras which are a mix of public open space and internal cameras. These are monitored from a location in Ormskirk 24 hours a day 365 days each year.

Key achievements highlighted in the report include:

- In total CCTV staff observed and assisted with 5,509 'incidents' - more than 100 a week. This compared with 5,633 in 2017/19 and 6,045 in 2016/17.
- Of these, 3,316 were made known by police, 1,654 were observed by operators and 539 were reported by a third party.
- Operators helped police arrest 264 people in West Lancs.
- Staff have assisted with 362 missing/vulnerable person responses.
- They were also involved in observing 633 cash deliveries/collections to ensure these were carried out without incident.
- Among the total incidents 727 were for traffic, 597 for suspicious activity, 380 for anti-social behaviour, 64 for burglary and six for sexual offences.

Councillor Kevin Wright.

Councillor Kevin Wright, West Lancs Council's portfolio holder for health and community safety, said: "The report underlines the tremendous work of our CCTV operators. Their experience and close working relationship with the police helps to ensure we achieve great results from our system and the staff deserve great praise for their efforts.

"The council works with partners including the police to help keep crime low in West Lancashire. The fact the police make requests to use the footage shows how effective our CCTV system is and how it provides excellent value for money."

The majority of incidents (3,292)were recorded in the Ormskirk area and 1,415 in Skelmersdale,

The full report is available on the council's website at www.westlancs.gov.uk/cctvreport.

In 2016, West Lancs Council's CCTV system was awarded a five-year Certificate of Compliance by the Surveillance Camera Commissioner. The certification shows that the council's CCTV system is managed appropriately and that the information gathered from the cameras is used in an appropriate manner and in accordance with the Surveillance Code of Practice guidelines.

One of the issues the council must have due regard to is the privacy of private residents. The software that is used allows for parts of the CCTV image to be completely blanked out. There are several existing cameras where privacy settings are installed to completely blank out windows or whole houses so that residents' privacy is ensured.

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Hospital to benefit from £900k revamp

First major facelift for wards since site opened in 1989

Report by **Danielle Thompson**

EIGHT wards will benefit from a £900,000 funding programme to upgrade Southport Hospital in the autumn.

The first phase of work on wards 7A, 7B, 9A, 9B, 11A and 11B will run from September until December. Work on wards 10A and 10B will start in April, avoiding the busier winter period.

The improvements will focus on the central ward but will also include upgrades of patient bathrooms; changes to fire doors in each ward to improve bed use and patient experience; adjustments to improve the experience of patients with dementia; staff locker rooms and upgraded staff toilets; a multi-disciplinary team room in each area; improved storage for stock and linen.

It will be the first major facelift for these wards since the hospital opened in 1989.

Therese Patten, deputy chief executive and director of strategy, at Southport and Ormskirk Hospital NHS Trust, said: "I want to thank the team of colleagues, drawn from across the trust, who've planned and designed what is a complex programme of work. This has included working hard to avoid disruption to patients and staff.

Commitment

"This investment is a demonstration by the trust of not only our commitment to quality but patients' experience of care. The improvements will also provide a brighter, more comfortable workplace for staff. I look forward to celebrating the results with everyone as the autumn progresses."

Southport MP Damien Moore, welcomed the announcement. He said: "Since I was elected, I have championed investment into our hospital. This funding represents the Government's commitment to our local hospital and will help to make a significant improvement to health care provision.

An artist's impression of the refurbished central ward area.

"This comes after securing £1.2 million last year for our A&E services, which have significantly improved. I will continue to work for further investment into our hospital, in the interests of local people."

Councillor John Pugh added: "Patients will welcome this. Importantly though it is a vote of confidence in the Southport site and reinforces my view that the long term stable future for the trust involves consolidating major services in Southport. The suggestion I made for utilising unused council land at Kew has been noted and will be considered subject obviously to clinical priorities.

"There is a way out of the financial bind that the hospital has endured for years and Southport people can help the NHS to find it and pressure the government to fund it."

Dementia Friends Champion Joe Sherville, who holds sessions across Sefton and West Lancashire as part of the Alzheimer's Society programme to change perceptions of dementia, also welcomed the news. He said: "It's really nice to hear that they will improve the experience for patients living with dementia in hospital."

Earth tremors at Plumpton site should signal end to fracking plans for Altcar say campaigners

CAMPAIGNERS say earth tremors which have taken place near a fracking site near Blackpool should spell the end of any plans to carry out the procedure on Alcar Moss.

Fracking was suspended at a site near Little Plumpton, following a series of earth tremors over the last week, one of them on Monday measuring 2.9M on the Richter scale, the largest ever fracking induced seismic event in the UK.

The firm carrying out fracking at the site, Cuadrilla, said the 2.9M event lasted for one second and the average ground motion recorded was 5mm per second which they say is about a third of that permitted for construction projects.

Residents in the area, however, described how furniture moved and one woman who lives in Lytham St Anne's, said: the walls of her house shook claims she "thought it was going to fall down."

Maureen Mills, of campaign group Moss Alliance, which opposes plans by Aurora Energy Resources to frack at Altcar Moss, said: "The recent events were not unexpected and the growing intensity of seismic events was forecast.

"The local community have expressed their feelings; they have no faith in the industry's rhetoric and welcome OGA's suspension of fracking.

"Residents will have been watching all that is happening at Preston New Road in the full knowledge that, if Aurora's fracking application is approved, they would find themselves in the same terrible position as those people on the Fylde; feeling helpless against an industry that appears to be self-regulated in effect and shows no respect for them.

"The suspension gives us hope that this might be the end for this industry.

"However, the application is in and we must not be complacent."

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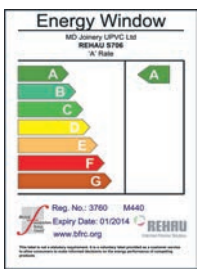

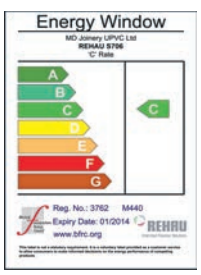

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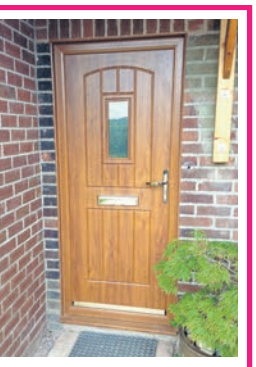

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Public meetings to be held over Altcar Moss fracking application

Report by **Kenny Parker**

ANTI-fracking campaigners have arranged public meetings to discuss the application by Aurora Energy Resources to frack at Altcar Moss in West Lancashire.

Aurora submitted an application to Lancashire County Council last month and a consultation is currently underway.

The plans are to drill, hydraulically fracture and test two exploratory boreholes (3,000m vertical and 2,500m horizontal).

The meetings organised by groups opposed to the plans will take place at Lydiate Village Centre, Lambshear Lane, on Thursday, September 5, and at Haskayne Village Hall, School Lane, Downholland, on Friday, September 6, both starting at 7pm.

There is also a meeting at Gild Hall, Church Road, Formby, on Tuesday, September 3,

Halsall borough councillor, Maureen Mills, chairwoman of Halsall Against Fracking, said: "The three public meetings will be forums for residents to discuss the application, express their views and formulate their responses to the consultation.

Councillor Maureen Mills.

"They will follow the same basic theme of background to planning application, the key arguments against fracking, the main points of objection and a question-and-answer session.

"It is extremely important for as many residents as possible to come along to one of the meetings and we are very pleased with the interest shown so far. However, for those unable to attend we are distributing 25,000 leaflets to households in the immediate areas, which include the key arguments, and we will be publishing the main points of objection on our websites and social media."

John Wilkinson, of Frack Free Formby said that they have had written assurance from Lancashire County Council that they will waive the formal August deadline for the consultation and extend it until close to the committee meeting being held to determine the planning application.

As a consequence, he advises that responses to the consultation be submitted by October 15.

Aurora has emphasised that the works, which are estimated to take about 21 months, are only to discover whether there is a viable commercial supply of gas in West Lancashire. If there is, a further application will need to be made to the authority to set up an operation to recover it.

The energy company has acknowledged that the proposed development would affect the tranquil landscape but says the operation would be fully reversible at the end of the temporary development.

The application (ref LCC/2019/0037) can be found by searching 'planning' at www.lancashire.gov.uk then searching under 'mineral and waste applications.'

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Network Rail pledge to clear drainage ditches following recent flooding incident

...but company says other factors contributing to problems

Report by **Kenny Parker**

NETWORK Rail has pledged to clear some of the drainage ditches which it is responsible for near to Crabtree Lane in Burscough after recent heavy rainfall led to flooding in the area.

However, the company says that other parts of the drainage system, which could also have been contributory factors in floods, may also need attention.

The Champion recently told how pensioner Bernie Webster, who lives in Crabtree Lane, had saved his own and neighbours' properties from more flooding misery using pumps which he had bought following the Boxing Day floods of 2015.

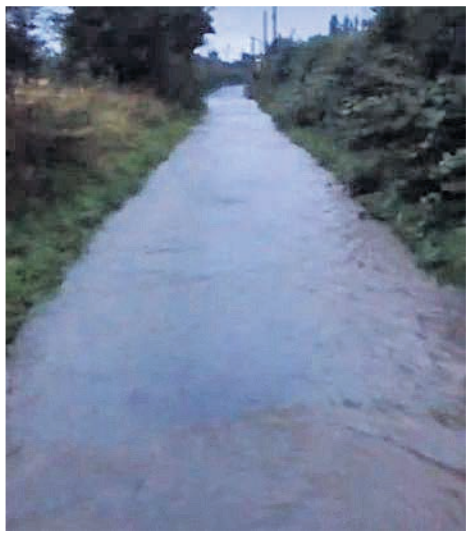
The 65-year-old, who suffers from asthma, used three electronic automatic pumps and an industrial-size diesel generator pump to shift water from the homes during heavy downpours last month.

Bernie's neighbour Peter Curl contacted the Champion to say it was "absolutely shameful" that they had to rely on a pensioner to save them while the local authorities appeared to do nothing more than talk about the issues.

He said Bernie's pump allowed the water to bypass "known blockages" in the drainage system which, he claimed "Network Rail refuse to address."

The rail company owns two culverts that run underneath the nearby railway line.

Network Rail has confirmed that it has inspected its culverts and that its drainage ditches are in need of clearing but suggests that drainage ditches belonging to other authorities may also need attention.



Footage taken of the flooding on Crabtree Lane, Burscough on Wednesday, July 31, four hours after it peaked.

Meanwhile, Lancashire County Council, as the lead local flood authority, has said that it has commissioned a report into the causes of flooding in the area which should be reporting its initial findings soon.

A Network Rail spokesperson said: "We have recently inspected the culverts on our land beside the railway near Crabtree Lane, Burscough, after recent extremely heavy rainfall. In some places we found vegetation is overgrown and we will be clearing this from the drainage ditches we are responsible for.

"We are thankful to residents for letting us know about the recent water levels. However, there are other parts of the drainage system that we do not own which may need some attention. We would encourage people to contact the local council if they have concerns about drainage issues from other landowners in the area."

Rachel Crompton, flood risk manager for Lancashire County Council, said: "As lead local flood authority, we have been working closely with residents and businesses in Burscough, along with the local Flood Action Group, to document the flooding incidents they have experienced, and are aware of the issues affecting properties in Crabtree Lane.

"We have commissioned a study into the causes of flooding in Burscough in order to understand the options which may be available to improve the situation and limit the impact of future flooding. We are due to receive the initial findings in the coming weeks and will be contacting people about the report in due course."

A United Utilities spokesperson said: "The root cause of flooding can be extremely complex and we are committed to working with the lead local flood authority (Lancashire County Council) and other agencies to ensure issues are investigated thoroughly and measures are put in place to help minimise the risk of flooding."

School Pastors scheme coming to town

CHURCHES in Ormskirk are launching a new scheme in the town aimed at keeping local high school pupils safe and reducing anti-social behaviour.

From September, School Pastors will be offering "friendship, safety and care" to high school children after the school day has finished.

The 20 people from local churches who have volunteered for the roles will be commissioned at a special service at Ormskirk Parish Church on Monday September 2 starting at 7.30pm.

The meeting will be addressed by Reverend Les Isaac, founder of national organisation, Ascension Trust, which pioneered School Pastors, along with Mayor of West Lancs, Councillor Gaynar Owen and Chief Inspector Ian Jones from Lancashire Police.

The members of School Pastors have undertaken a training programme, including safeguarding, and will meet the children as they come out of school and be around in the town centre, Coronation Park, and other areas to ensure their safety.

More than 30 towns and cities across the UK have already successfully introduced the School Pastor scheme, and Ormskirk School and St Bede's Catholic High School, as well as Lancashire Police and West Lancs Council, have expressed their support

School Pastors co-ordinator, Dave Mutch, said: "Everyone is welcome to attend the service and find out more about us. We want to be an influence for good in the community and be able to help our children and ensure their safety."

Ascension Trust is a Christian inter-denominational organisation which also introduced the Street Pastors scheme, which will be marking its 10th anniversary in Ormskirk in January.

For more information contact Dave Mutch on 07896991090.

Police officers and Heidi McDougall with the SelectaDNA spray.

Police launch new initiative to tackle off-road bike menace

Report by **Henry James**

LANCASHIRE Constabulary have launched a new initiative aimed at targeting the criminal and anti-social use of scrambler bikes in West Lancs.

The force says that residents across the area, including both Skelmersdale and Ormskirk, have for a number of years suffered from illegal bikers recklessly riding on pavements, across public spaces and on roads, endangering pedestrians and motorists.

The new initiative, named Operation Rhine, will see officers supported by neighbourhood police and the roads policing unit, in a bid to stamp out the menace.

New tactics to tackle the issue include using a spray called SelectaDNA to tag riders, passengers and bikes with a unique but invisible dye. If suspects are arrested or bikes recovered, the spray can link offenders to criminal activities.

Activity throughout the operation will also feature:

- **Increased patrols in areas, including parks and other public land.**
- **Enforcement of traffic law on the highway to restrict the activities of illegal riders on our roads.**
- **Use of locally gathered intelligence to execute warrants where storage locations are identified.**
- **Visits to petrol stations by officers.**
- **Partnership work with Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service, West Lancashire Borough Council and housing associations.**

The West Lancashire Community Safety Partnership has provided the funding for the spray which will help support the police action in dealing with motorcycle nuisance.

Partnership chair, Heidi McDougall, said: "The use of scrambler and off-road bikes across West Lancashire has blighted the community for a number of years. We share the frustrations of residents who see reckless behaviour from these illegal riders. These individuals pose a danger to pedestrians and other road users, and the consequences of their illegal use can devastate families.

Fresh approach

"The partnership is very pleased to be able to give funding support to help this new campaign to crackdown on this activity and protect communities, ensuring parents and children can enjoy public spaces without fear of injury.

"These new tactics and a fresh approach will hopefully make towns and villages across West Lancashire safer and allow local people to enjoy the outdoors without worrying about the bikes."

Lancashire's Police and Crime Commissioner, Clive Grunshaw, added: "This is a real example of officers listening to residents' concerns and taking steps to make their communities safer.

"Changing and increasing demand means that local policing is made up of far more than just neighbourhood policing. With ever-reducing resources from Government, officers are needed to do different roles so they can be there when the public really need them."

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Welfare rights service cuts 'not as severe as originally proposed'

Report by **Henry James**

LANCASHIRE County Council chiefs have announced that cuts to the authority's welfare rights service will go ahead - but will not be as severe as originally proposed.

The service will still assist people with appeals, improving uptake of benefits and providing advice and training for local organisations.

However, people will now be referred for welfare rights support by other county council services, such as Shared Lives, social care, reablement and from partner organisations, rather than contacting the service directly. The council says this will ensure that those most in need are able to access the service.

Changes to the original proposals were put forward following a consultation with service users, partner organisations and members of the public. The authority says these will now save £101,250 instead of the original projected saving of £380,000.

The council's cabinet member for health and wellbeing, County Councillor Shaun Turner, said: "We have to make savings because of the financial challenges we face. However, after

County Councillor Turner.

County Councillor Gibson.

people shared their views in the public consultation, we have made changes to the original proposal.

"The consultation showed that there is no other service locally that offers the level of expertise and advice that welfare rights does, including supporting the most complex cases to tribunal.

"The service will operate at a reduced capacity, but we will continue to assist people with appeals, improving uptake of benefits, and providing advice and training for local organisations.

"However, those accessing the service will be referred through other services such as Shared Lives, social care and from partner organisations, to ensure those who need it most are helped. This will help us to run the service more efficiently and make best use of the available resource as I'm sure the public would expect."

Labour's shadow cabinet member for economic development, County Councillor Julie Gibson, gave a qualified welcome to the council's re-think on the service.

She said: "In April of this year, my colleagues in the Lancashire Labour group and I urged residents to respond to this consultation and I would like to thank all those who did.

"But at a time when we are seeing Universal Credit rolled out across Lancashire, plunging many into debt, it is disappointing that the welfare rights service has to suffer reductions of any sort and the impact on vulnerable residents cannot be underestimated."

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Traders dispute council claims over revised market stalls arrangements

Authority says changes will save £85,000 per annum but stallholders fear they will 'break' market

Report by **Kenny Parker**

A NUMBER of Ormskirk market traders have refuted West Lancs Council's claim that they had agreed to new rules under which the authority will no longer provide stalls or assistance with setting them up.

From next April traders at the twice-weekly market will have to provide their own stalls and will no longer be able to call on council staff for help putting them up or taking them down.

The council said it had agreed the change with the traders as part of a package of measures bringing it into line with how other markets are run in the country.

It is understood that the changes will bring the council savings of £85,000 per year. In exchange stallholders will be given three months rent-free from January to March.

However, book seller Derek Walsh said he thought most of the traders would prefer things to stay as they were and he claimed the council's statement that the change had the agreement of the traders was "stretching a point for their own advantage."

He said: "I have a feeling this could break the market, especially at this time when High Streets are in a precarious position.

"For the amount they say they are going to save, I think they should just leave it as it is."

Stuart Pentelow, a clothes stallholder from Cheshire who has been trading at Ormskirk for 15 years, also claimed many traders were opposed to the changes and said he wasn't sure whether he would remain next year.

"What the council don't seem to realise is that markets like this are the heart of the town. If this market went, with most of the shops being half-empty and many just charity shops, bookies or coffee shops, there will be nothing left. It will be a ghost town."

Other stallholders, who asked not to be named, also said the changes were not welcome but claimed "the council will do what it wants to do."

However, the authority maintains that traders are in agreement and says it has plans to broaden the range of traders in the future.

A spokesperson said: "A very positive meeting was recently held with a large number of traders and the National Market Traders Federation, and they were reassured that the council wishes to work closely with them to find solutions for any particular issues that traders may have. Traders have been invited to set up a representative committee so these discussions can be continued."

Saying that the three months free rent would give stallholders "financial respite", the spokesperson added: "The council intends to find a wider range of traders to complement the existing respected traders, including sellers of artisan and continental goods, to help answer the call for such provision.

"The council has undertaken a quick survey of stallholders and although a few have concerns about transporting stall equipment most have indicated their preference to erect their own gazebos or stalls."

Book seller Derek Walsh thinks the market should stay as it is.

● Talented dancer Lara Whelan who has won a place with the National Youth Ballet.

Lara's jumping for joy after winning place with National Youth Ballet

A TALENTED teenage dancer from Ormskirk is jumping for joy after winning a highly-coveted place with the National Youth Ballet and the opportunity to perform in original productions in Birmingham and London.

Lara Whelan, a pupil at Scarisbrick Hall School, faced competition from hundreds of other young ballerinas to secure a place with company and is taking part in a two-week residential before the shows where she will work with professional dancers, choreographers and teachers.

The 14-year-old, who started learning to dance aged four, was taught in her early years by Lorraine Ryan from Rufford School of Dance. Over the past four years she has studied with Kate Simmons Dance in Warrington.

She has also been training with the Royal Ballet School Associates programme for the past four years and this year was selected to join their Senior Associates.

Lara said: "I am delighted to have been chosen to join the National Youth Ballet. I would love to be a professional dancer when I leave school, but it is such a competitive field and that is why opportunities like working with NYB are so important.

"I have always loved dancing. I love the freedom it gives me to express myself and pushing my body to its limits.

The youngster's parents, Judith and Dominic, said: 'We are thrilled that Lara has been selected for the NYB. She has shown great dedication to her ballet and spends many evenings and weekends training with KS Dance in Warrington and with the Royal Ballet Associates in Manchester.

"Being selected for NYB is a well-deserved reward for all her hard work.'

For its 2019 season, the National Youth Ballet will present Wonderlands, a mixed programme of original works, at the Crescent Theatre, Birmingham, on Thursday and Friday, August 29 and 30, and then at Sadler's Wells Theatre, London on Sunday, September 1.

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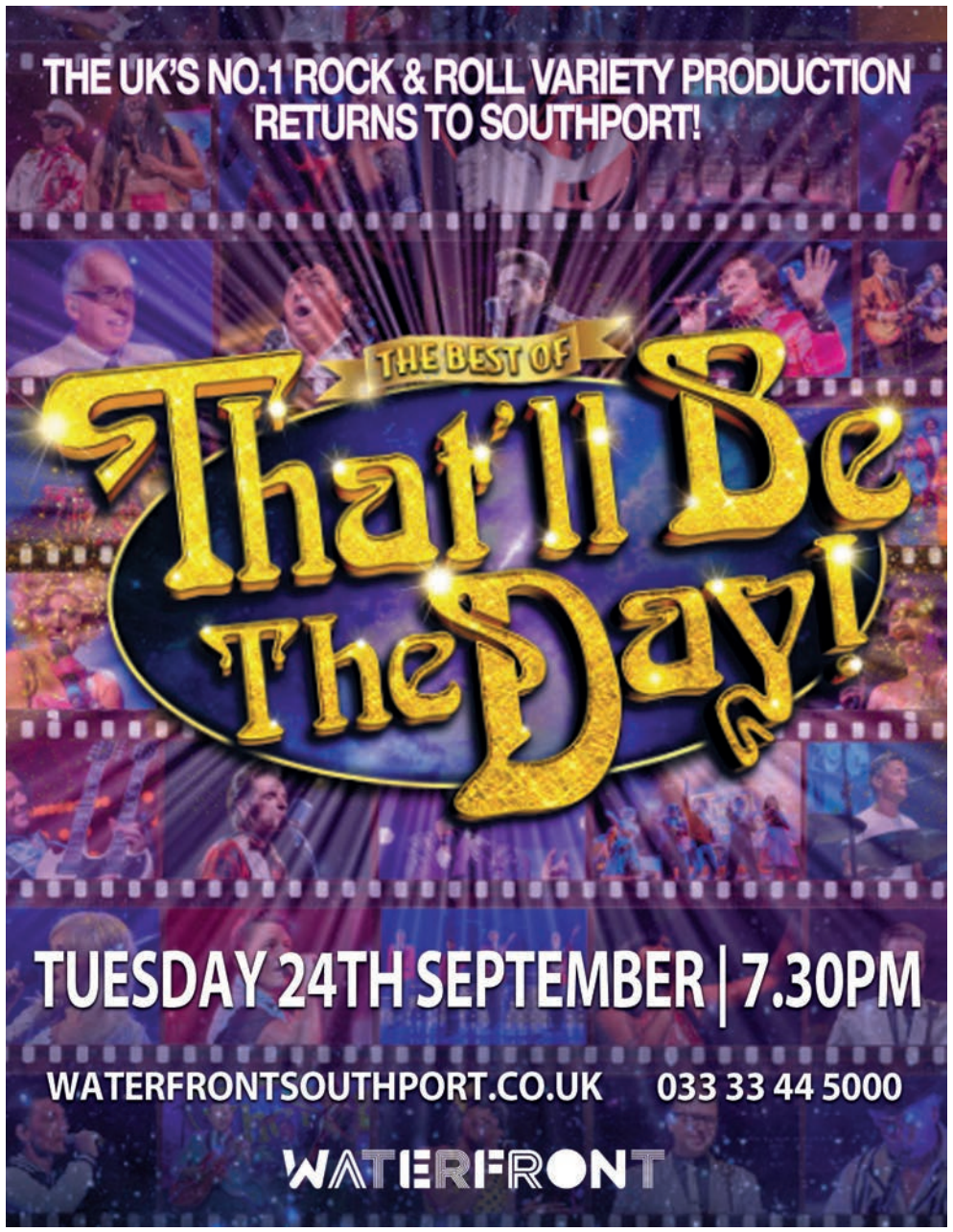
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Yearning for adventure inspired pals' charity climb up Kilimanjaro

Report by **Kenny Parker**

A COUPLE of workmates seeking adventure made their way to the top of the highest mountain in Africa while also raising £2,650 for good causes.

Stevie Best from Lathom and Robbie Gibbons from Crosby, who are colleagues at Skelmersdale-based hygiene company, Essity, decided to tackle Mount Kilimanjaro in Tanzania after feeling the need for a new challenge.

Combining their plans with fundraising for Alder Hey Children's Hospital and the Make a Wish Foundation, their expedition was kick-started with a generous £1,000 donation from their company, which also provided funds to help them buy equipment.

The intrepid duo began a four-day ascent of the 5,895-metre peak by following one of the hardest routes, the Machame Route, assisted by a team of porters, a cook and guide, trekking and camping through four different climate conditions - rainforest, heather-moorland, alpine desert and arctic.

Thanks to months of training they felt fit and strong back at camp after each day's hiking, although the final climb, starting at midnight at an altitude of 4,645m, proved especially tough.

Stevie said: "The lack of oxygen made the final ascent a real challenge but it was more about mental rather than physical strength as we had to keep a positive mindset throughout the night, especially when we started seeing people collapsing and other climbers being carried down back to camp!

"Both exhausted and in temperatures of minus 10C we finally reached the summit (Uhuru Peak) at 6am and stood above the clouds watching the sunrise over the African plains. We both felt pure elation and shed a quick tear."

Peak achievement...Stevie (left) and Robbie at the top of Mount Kilimanjaro

After their descent, which took two days, the pair received certificates to mark their achievement and then made an unplanned visit to a local school where they made a private donation and also planted a tree.

Stevie added: "It was our first time visiting Africa and we loved it! Despite the majority of locals living in poverty, they always seemed to have a smile on their face and were really friendly and helpful to us.

"I think it's important for people to see these parts of the world as it really broadens the mind and helps to stop you taking things for granted when returning home."

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Papal blessing for 'reluctant' centenarian Josie

Report by **Kenny Parker**

A 'RELUCTANT' centenarian celebrated her milestone birthday with a special blessing from the Pope.

According to her family, devoted Catholic Josie Prescott was "not really keen" on reaching three figures - because she didn't want a fuss - although it turned out alright in the end!

To mark the occasion, keen Everton fan Josie, who lives at the Arranmore Park Rest Home in Burscough, enjoyed a family meal at the New Scarisbrick Arms in Ormskirk and had a special Mass celebrated in her honour at St Elizabeth's RC Church, Scarisbrick.

She also received congratulations from the Queen and Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, Amber Rudd, along with a video message from former Everton player, Graham Stuart and the framed Papal blessing, complete with a picture of Pope Francis.

The eldest of nine children, Jose has two daughters and a son, five grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Memories

A lifelong farm worker, she was born and bred in Scarisbrick and lived there until moving to Arranmore Park earlier this year following a fall.

Her husband Jack, a council worker, died 30 years ago.

Daughter Marie said that most of the family are diehard Everton fans and Josie still enjoys keeping abreast of how the team is doing.

And one of her fondest memories is of attending the FA Cup final at Wembley in 1966 when the Blues came from two goals down to beat Sheffield Wednesday 3-2.

Marie added that she couldn't put Josie's longevity down to one particular factor but said her mum had always worked hard and despite having a tough life had looked after herself.

"She didn't want to be 100 - she was a bit worked up about it. But on the day itself she had a really lovely time."

● Right: Josie is pictured holding her Papal blessing and surrounded by members of her family celebrating her 100th birthday.

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Commissioner calls on PM to replace county's 750 'lost' officers since 2010

Report by **Henry James**

LANCASHIRE'S Police and Crime Commissioner, Clive Grunshaw is calling on Boris Johnson to replace the 750 officers the county has lost since 2010.

Mr Grunshaw has written to the Prime Minister to seek a meeting over the details of the proposed new police officers that he announced on the steps of Downing Street following his victory in the Conserbative Party leadership contest.

The letter, copied to Home Secretary, Priti Patel and the Association of Police and Crime Commissioners chair, Katy Bourne, called on Mr Johnson to meet with the commissioner to understand the journey of Lancashire Constabulary since 2010 and to consider this in the allocation of police officers.

Referring to forecasts made since the PM's announcement of new officers, the letter points out that should any increase in numbers be made using current funding arrangements as a baseline, Lancashire would stand to lose out compared to other areas.

Prime Minister Boris Johnson entered Downing Street with a pledge to deliver 20,000 extra police officers, now Clive Grunshaw is seeking to ensure Lancashire gets its fair share of any new recruits.

The model, produced by the office for the Police and Crime Commissioner, shows that Lancashire Constabulary would still be 250 officers short of 2010 levels while Surrey Constabulary would benefit by the same amount.

Mr Grunshaw, said: "I am calling on Boris Johnson and the Government to match our ambition in Lancashire and replace the 750 officers lost since 2010.

"For Lancashire to lose out whilst other forces actually increase officer numbers would be akin to sending officers by the bus-load to other forces. This simply will not suffice and the people of Lancashire will not accept this settlement.

"Despite Boris Johnson promising to deliver 20,000 officers across the country, he has yet to provide us with any details about where these officers will be and it is my understanding that a decision will be made before the end of August.

"I have asked for a meeting with the Prime Minister to understand the journey that Lancashire Constabulary has taken since the introduction of austerity in 2010 so that he can bear this in mind when coming to any final decisions.

"I am standing up for Lancashire and want to make sure that any allocation of officers is fair and appropriately funded."

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It's hard when you are forced to play God with your pet

THIS is, partly at least, a dog's tale - or perhaps tail.

It is several weeks since I last mentioned my dog Tina's illness and, fingers crossed, she's now as good as new - or at least as good as a dog her age should be. Actually, given the fact that she is now approaching 11 years of age, I think she seems in better nick than I do!

I've noticed a few things since she had her operation though. Because as well as much of her hair underneath, the vet also had to shorten the hair around the rear of her legs and also give the hairs on her tail a trim.

That was unfortunate because Tina always sported quite an impressive tail. Hopefully it will grow back to its former glory given a month or two.

My somewhat convoluted point being that when she is walking, her actual rear legs are very much more in view than they normally are. And it's only since this revelation that I have realised just what long legs she's got!

Now she doesn't run as often as once she did, and that's largely, I'm afraid, down to her companion, Cinders. Tina is, you see, 'Top Dog' - always has been and probably always will be.

So once Tina found that the no-longer-a-pup Cinders could actually run faster than she could - she didn't, if you see what I mean. She still runs but not usually when Cinders is about.

As a side story, when Tina was feeling really poorly, not even eating her favourite biscuits, Cinders had the sense to leave her in peace. Until one fateful evening when I left them alone while I made myself a coffee.

I have no idea what poor Cinders did, but all hell broke loose. I rushed back to find Cinders pinned vertically against the wall by a snarling Tina.

Having separated them, poor Cinders retired (more or less unhurt) to the safety of the hallway, but for the following few days was obviously scared stiff of Tina and wouldn't be left alone with her.

They've settled back to normal now, thank goodness, and Tina's temper has returned to normal too. In fact, quite honestly, I think she is friendlier altogether.

Now though I am faced with a problem that I must decide upon ASAP. On taking little Cinders (I still think of her as 'Little Cinders' though she is now roughly the same size as Tina) for her annual MOT at the vets, they suggested that I should have her spayed (the same op that Tina had only without having to clean up her insides as well) so that the same thing that happened to Tina cannot happen to Cinders when she is older.

It's not the cost that worries me. But the vet said it would be a good idea while Cinders is still young-ish (she's seven now) so the near calamity that affected Tina cannot be repeated.

If I were advising someone else, I'd certainly say 'go ahead.' But the problem for me is that this is still a major operation with risks attached. And if the worst should occur, it would be all my fault.

My brother George died as a result of having an operation that probably wasn't strictly necessary - but that was his decision, I couldn't make it for him.

I think my best choice is to visit the vet and have a chat about risk versus benefit. Cinders is such a happy, carefree dog, nothing ever upsets her for more than a couple of minutes. Shout at her all you like after a misdemeanour and she'll look sad for all of 30 seconds then rebound and try to do whatever all over again!

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Important changes to Blue Badge parking scheme to come into effect this week

LANCASHIRE County Council is reminding residents that changes to the authority's Blue Badge parking scheme will come into effect this week.

From Friday (August 30) people with hidden disabilities like autism and dementia will be able to apply for a Blue Badge parking permit, under new Department for Transport (DfT) guidance.

The scheme allows people with disabilities affecting their mobility to park closer to their destination, by using disabled bays and areas where parking restrictions may usually apply. Blue Badges can be used in vehicles where an eligible disabled person is the driver or a passenger.

Under the new guidance, permits will be extended to those with hidden disabilities, including being unable to walk or experiencing very considerable difficulty while walking during the course of a journey, including considerable psychological distress; and to people who could be at risk of serious harm, or pose a risk of serious harm to another person.

An aim of introducing changes to the scheme is to improve public understanding so people

whose disabilities are not visible will be able to use the badges without fear of being challenged unfairly.

The changes follow an eight-week consultation in 2018.

County Councillor Peter Buckley, Lancashire's cabinet member for community and cultural services, said: "It's unacceptable that people with hidden disabilities still face discrimination when using disabled facilities like parking spaces. Extending the Blue Badge scheme is important in ensuring that people with hidden disabilities are able to travel with greater ease and live more independently.

"This change is very much welcomed and will particularly be of help to those living with conditions that might not be obvious but which certainly affect their daily lives. Those with hidden disabilities or reduced mobility often find that the anticipation of finding a car park space can heighten the stress of a journey.

"I hope that going forward, many more people with less visible problems will be able to do the things lots of us take for granted more easily - whether that's shopping, going to see the doctor or maintaining relationships with friends and family who provide vital social support."

The launch of the changes also coincides with a DfT review looking at how councils can tackle fraudulent use of Blue Badge permits and improve the consistency of enforcement.

It will also look at improving public awareness about the eligibility rules for badges - when they can and cannot be used - and how to return a badge when it is no longer needed, such as when the holder dies.

Anyone wanting to apply for a Blue Badge under the new criteria can do so from August 30. Applications can be made online. More information is available at https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/roads-parking-and-travel/parking/blue-badges.

Academic inspired by refugees' poetry

AN Edge Hill University academic who travelled to the world's largest refugee camp to teach poetry has published a collection of the refugees' work.

James Byrne, senior lecturer in Creative Writing at the Ormskirk campus, travelled to Cox's Bazaar, home to an estimated 900,000 members of the Rohingya people a stateless Indo-Aryan ethnic group, who have crossed the border from Myanmar into Bangladesh.

During his stay he held creative writing workshops and was so impressed with the quality of poetry that he has now published the work in *I am a Rohingya: Poetry from the Camps and Beyond.*

Featuring the original works of 15 Rohingya refugees the poems focus on topics of genocide, rape and torture, but also optimism and the hope of returning home safely.

James said: "It was a deeply moving experience meeting the refugees and hearing their day-to-day experiences.

"The fact that my fellow poet and editor Shehzar Doja received such high-quality poetry from people who are experiencing hardships unimaginable to us in the West, is remarkable and a testament to their bravery, intelligence and dedication to writing.

"One of the things that impressed me about the workshop group was its sense of community spirit.

"I hope readers are as inspired by these poems as we are and that in reading this selection, feel impelled to bring about change to one of the most persecuted people on earth."

I am a Rohingya: Poetry from the Camps and Beyond edited by James Byrne and Shehzar Doja is published by Arc Publications and is available now.

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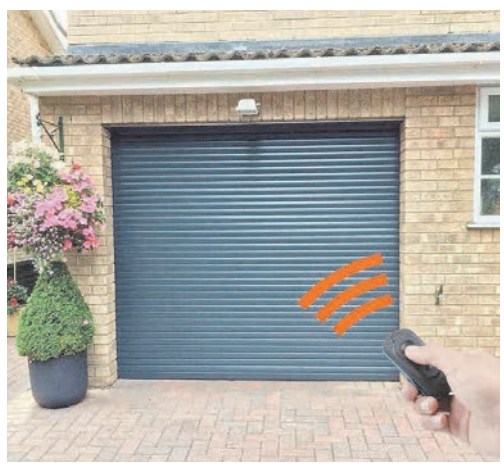

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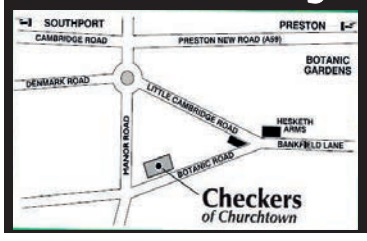

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Important questions about former sports centre remain unanswered

AS a former employee of West Lancashire Borough Council (previously the West Lancashire District Council) I wish to add some information to the issue of asbestos in the old Skelmersdale, Digmoor Sports Centre.

In the 1980s I joined the maintenance team responsible for looking after this building. As an electrician I was well aware of the danger of asbestos.

On many occasions it was necessary to gain access to the roof/loft area above the main sports hall to carry out repairs to the lighting units. When I entered the roof space for the first time, I found many of the roof insulation boards had fallen off the main roof structure and were lying on the loft flooring, either as whole boards or in broken pieces.

A request was put to the building services department of the council for a section of board to be taken away for analysis (suspecting possible asbestos). This was done and the subsequent report that came back was that there was no danger to health, as it may not have even been asbestos.

So the maintenance of the lighting units continued to be carried out for many years, by employees walking or crawling over the fallen insulation boards without wearing face masks or gloves (now PPE) although these could be issued if they were deemed necessary, until the sports centre closed its doors and was finally demolished.

One of the cited reasons by council officials for closing the sports centre was because it contained asbestos.

Now it has been reported that the building contractors who were to build new homes on the old sports centre site have pulled away from it (after being told by local people) until investigations for asbestos contamination has been carried out.

So the following questions arise.

1. Were the maintenance personnel given incorrect information all those years ago and allowed to carry on working?

2. Were the sports centre staff working day-to-day, even told about the existence of asbestos in the building?

Unfortunately, many, if not all of the personnel involved, have retired or moved on. So is unlikely that those questions will ever be answered satisfactorily.

Franklin Ellwood, Skelmersdale.

PICTURE of the week

READER Phil McDonough from Aughton submitted this picture of a young swallow being fed by its mum at Lunt Meadows Nature Reserve near Crosby, before migrating back to Africa.

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Letters can be posted or emailed to the respective addresses listed at the top of this page. They should be concise, preferably no more than 350 words, and include the sender's name, address and contact details, although not necessarily for publication.

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The editor reserves the right to edit all items submitted for favour of publication.

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So-called cost-saving measure will lead to demise of market

I CONCUR with local views expressed in recent letters about Ormsirk town centre and the changes proposed on the setting out of the market stalls at the end of March 2020.

And also Graham Walker's observations (August 14) on the revolving door policy over the last few years of allowing the holders of the top senior posts on West Lancs Borough Council to leave as a supposed cost-saving measure - which is most certainly not the case for the council tax payers!

The changes to the market stalls from March 2020 means the council is no longer going to erect, dismantle and lay up the stalls. This will leave the market traders to provide and supply their own stalls instead and to erect and dismantle and remove them.

This is simply another so-called cost-saving measure dreamt up and in my view - and that of others - will lead to the eventual demise of the market in the long term with less quality stalls and goods, and an odd assortment of stalls, pop-up gazebos, tables, benches and stands.

This will turn a traditional town market into some kind of a bazaar - and a laughing stock to visitors.

D. A. Whitehead, Westhead.

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Residents short-changed by practice on green waste collection service renewals

I WOULD like to bring to your newspaper's attention the current practice of West Lancashire Council of charging residents an annual fee for garden waste collection but, having taken payment, then refusing collection (or to offer any partial refund) for a six-week period.

The situation arises because the council does not issue reminders shortly before the annual renewal date. Consequently, residents who are unaware of the expiry of their annual subscriptions would only find out about it when the council ceases collecting their garden waste, leaving their bins full and out in the street.

Even if one immediately goes online and pays the renewal fee, the council then refuses to collect his/her garden waste until after what they call a '14-day cooling off period' has expired.

This is notwithstanding that the renewal payment is charged retrospectively to the end of the first year's subscription. Thus, since garden waste is collected on a fortnightly basis, the result is that two collections (the collection just before payment and the collection just after payment) are refused by the council.

This means that there is a total of six weeks in between collections, notwithstanding that the council has insisted on being paid the renewal fee on a seamless basis retrospectively to the renewal date.

I have spoken to the council, who have confirmed that this is their practice. They offered me no apology or refund, even though I was calling on behalf of my elderly mother, who is too frail to manage her own affairs and is on their 'assisted' list.

They also refused my request to make an earlier collection of my mother's garden waste following our payment of the renewal fee.

The council did mention that they had enclosed with their council tax invoice, some three or four months prior to renewal, a reminder about the expiry of my mother's annual subscription. However, given that someone not renewing on time is faced with a six-week period of no collections, one would have expected the council to do more to remind people to be sure to renew on time (and also to advise about the consequences of not renewing on time).

Michael Barker, by email.

Council need to sort out brown bin chaos

I RECENTLY put my brown bin out on Wednesday for collection but when I got home from work I had a sticker on my bin saying I hadn't signed up for collection.

How come I have a brown bin then and have been getting it emptied regularly before this week?

I have been on to the council and they reckon they have sent mail out to remind people of due payment. If they have, I and other neighbours in my street haven't received it.

As I need my bin emptying I asked to pay for this year only to be told it will be backdated to June as this is when payment was due. So how come my bin was emptied two weeks ago?

This morning I've had a rant about it on Facebook and I'm astounded how many people - from old Skelmersdale to Ashurst to Ormskirk - not only haven't had brown bins emptied but haven't had any sort of reminder about payment either. And if they do want this year's bins emptied they will all have payments backdated as I have.

West Lancs Council are a disgrace and this problem needs attention to sort it out.

Maureen Miller, by email.

Rundown town has never looked so bad

THE Northway hedge in Birch Green, Skelmersdale makes the area look a mess with road signs knocked down and left.

The weeds are tripping you up and crossing near Asda is dangerous as you cannot see the cars coming out of the store with the overgrown hedges.

What has happened? We used to have pride in our town but now it is rundown and tired.

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Ginette Brunt, Skelmersdale.

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Hospital staff with the new play items purchased with a donation by the League of Friends.

Hospital toybox refreshed - thanks to Friends' gift

A DONATION of £500 by the League of Friends charity has allowed 'play specialists' at Ormskirk Hospital to refresh their toybox.

Staff say the toybox - also known as a 'distraction box' - provides a vital distraction for children attending for tests and treatment.

The League of Friends raise money to buy equipment for patients and improve the hospital environment. Volunteers also run the tea bar in the hospital reception.

Charity trustee and general office manager at the hospital, Dave Halsall, said: "We have raised hundreds of thousands of pounds over the years, hopefully bringing comfort to patients. Our goal is to help buy anything that is needed but can't be bought by the hospital trust.

"We are always on the lookout for new volunteers to work in the tea bar for a couple of hours, so please feel free to contact us at the hospital."

Play specialist, Jacci Bullen, added: "I would like to offer our heartfelt thanks for this donation that has enabled an overdue refresh for our distraction box, which is vital for getting nervous little ones through procedures. The activity centre will be fantastic for any babies admitted, hopefully making their stay with us as much like home as possible."

To volunteer for the tea bar at Ormskirk Hospital contact Sheila Rogers on 07803295604.

Anyone wishing to donate to the children's department can do so online at www.justgiving.com/southportandormskirk. Toy donations are always welcome but must be 'box-fresh'.

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Schools toast 'outstanding' GCSE results

STUDENTS across West Lancashire have been celebrating their GCSE results.

At Ormskirk School, 69% of students achieved 'standard' passes in English and maths, with 42% achieving 'strong' passes at Grade 5 or above. This has consolidated the improvements seen over the past years and included a significant number of outstanding individual performances.

Headteacher, Martin Witter, said: "On behalf of the Ormskirk School community, I congratulate our wonderful young people on their achievements.

"This year's results are testament to the resilience and determination of our talented students and staff and the support of our parent body. We look forward to a strong year next year to build on this success and we wish all our young people the best for their bright futures."

At St Bede's Catholic High School pupils performed well above the national averages in English, maths and the whole school attainment figure.

Headteacher, Phil Denton, commented: "We are blessed with fantastic students who are committed to the ambition that drives this school forward. We are proudly Catholic and we believe our nurturing approach based on our core values, love, faith and hope, allows us to support our students effectively.

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"However, ultimately it is the students who have to perform in their final exams. Once again, they have not let anyone down. We have a varied intake with students predicted to attain very highly, as well as those who require a specific learning support. I am so proud to see the vast majority of our students reaching their potential."

At Tarleton Academy 81% of all students achieved GCSE standard pass (grade 4) or above.

In maths 80% of students achieved grade 4 or above while in English 87% of students achieved a grade 4 or above; 75% of achieved grade 5 or above and 33% achieved the top end grades of 7+.

There were also strong performances in other subjects, particularly biology, chemistry and physics with 100% of students achieving a grade 4 and above.

In modern foreign languages 87% of all students entered for German and Spanish achieved a grade 4+, with 33% securing grade 7+.

In the humanities subjects both history and geography students performed well above national averages with 30% of students achieving the top end grades in history.

And a total of 98% achieved grade 4+ in art & design, 91% grade 4+ in drama, 90% grade 4+ in food technology and 100% grade 4+ in music.

Executive headteacher, Mrs Gwinnett, said: "We are extremely pleased and very proud of these results. The strength of the working relationships between our students, staff and parents is a key factor for us. It is a real feature of our community that we all pull together for our students, to achieve these simply fantastic results."

Burscough Priory Academy is celebrating a "huge increase" in results across the board this summer. In all subjects there was a rise in the number of students achieving a grade 4 or above in maths and English from 61% in 2018, to 75% in 2019 and an even higher jump in the number of students achieving grade 7 or above from 8% in 2018, to 24% in 2019.

Notable improvements can be seen particularly in English, which has seen a leap of 9% of students achieving a grade 4 or above from 66% in 2018 to 75% this summer. At the top end as well, the number of students achieving grade 7 or above has surged by 15% from 10% in 2018, to 25% in 2019.

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Students at Our Lady Queen of Peace Catholic Engineering with their GCSE results.

Headteachers' pride as pupils perform above national averages

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All of the core subjects have seen increases overall, particularly with the higher grades (7+), with maths increasing by an astonishing 21% at grade 7 and above and the individual sciences averaging a 20% increase in these top grades.

Mrs Gwinnett, executive headteacher at the school and the overall trust leader, commented: "It has been a fantastic year at Burscough Priory Academy and there is a very tangible feeling of pride now developing with staff and students. We couldn't have asked for more from the students and the staff, those we have retained and those we have recruited, have really pulled together through some very difficult times this year. They should be rightly proud of the immense progress we have made'."

Lathom High School are "particularly proud" of their students' strong and improved performance in both core subjects of maths and English.

Headteacher, Mrs Galbraith, said: "These improvements are testament to the dedication and hard work of staff at Lathom, supported by families at home, and we can be extremely proud in celebrating the talents of all our students. I am delighted that our students are well placed to go on to further success in their life after Lathom."

Students at Our Lady Queen of Peace Engineering College in Skelmersdale are also celebrating success in this year's GCSE examinations, which includes a record-smashing 31 Grade 9s across 13 subjects and 35 Grade 8s across 18 subjects.

The Glenburn Road school saw students achieve the very highest grades 8 and 9 in maths, English language, English literature, chemistry, physics, biology, combined science, engineering, RE, history, geography, citizenship, music, PE, food, photography, art & design, graphics, textiles, Spanish, Japanese and Russian.

Alison Knight, headteacher at Our Lady's, was delighted with the achievements of the class of 2019. She commended the students and staff on their hard work and efforts, thanked parents for all their support and wished all students the very best of success in their post-16 choices.

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Baby garden rededication ceremony to be celebrated during hospital open day

A RESTORED and replanted baby garden will be rededicated in a ceremony to be held at next month's Ormskirk Hospital open day.

The garden is situated in a quiet place near the hospital reception and is for use by all visitors, but particularly those who have experienced a loss in pregnancy.

Chaplain at Southport and Ormskirk Hospital NHS Trust, the Reverend Martin Abrams, will conduct a service and the garden will be officially opened by West Lancs MP, Rosie Cooper.

During the ceremony there will be an opportunity for anyone who has lost a baby to plant 'bulbs of hope'.

There will also be a forget-me-not area created for 'Our Never Forgotten Babies'. This will be particularly for parents who have never been able to discover where their babies were laid to rest.

A significant amount of the funds for the restoration have been raised by a local family who experienced their own baby loss.

The open day, on Saturday, September 7, will be held across the hospital and will run from 11am to 3pm with the rededication service be at 1pm.

The free-to-attend event will also include a jobs fair, a menopause cafe, a casualty clinic for cuddly toys in the plaster room, departmental tours, face-painting and the opportunity to try basic first aid and resuscitation.

The Reverend Martin Abrams, chaplain at Southport and Ormskirk Hospital NHS Trust.

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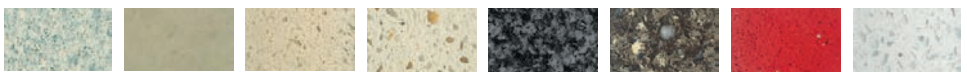

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West Lancs Light Railway enthusiasts celebrate the land deal.

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Celebrations as trust secures land to keep popular attraction safe from developers

Report by **Kenny Parker**

DELIGHTED enthusiasts at West Lancashire Light Railway Trust have managed to keep the popular attraction on track for many more years to come - after they bought the land the railway runs through!

The volunteer-run narrow-gauge railway based at Station Road, Hesketh Bank, was facing possible closure when the land they had been leasing for over 50 years was put up for sale.

However, through a combination of fundraising and loans, the trustees and members have raised a staggering £260,000 to purchase the land and keep it safe from the hands of developers.

Now, though the trust continues to appeal for money, it has ambitious plans to improve the site and is now canvassing for ideas on what it could do.

Immediate plans are for a new car park and toilet facilities. Later, they hope to replace some of our older structures with modern buildings.

The trust's chairman, Mike Spall, said: "With the tremendous support given to us by our members, friends, neighbours and supporters, we have achieved our goal of raising the £260,000 required for the land purchase.

"A dark cloud over the future of the railway has been lifted and we can now start to develop and invest in our popular heritage railway. Our visitors can expect to see great things in the coming years as our plans are rolled out."

The WLLR is a two-foot gauge heritage steam railway run entirely by volunteers, aged from 16 to 90 years old.

The only one of its kind in Lancashire, it started out as the dream of six schoolboys who in 1967 had the vision of saving items from industrial narrow-gauge railway systems that were rapidly disappearing all over the North West and the UK.

The schoolboys started the railway by saving pocket money to purchase two small diesel locomotives from a recently-closed local brickworks in Burscough. As their dream became a reality, the collection of narrow gauge equipment continued to grow and now the railway has a collection of six 2ft gauge steam locomotives and over 20 diesel, petrol and electric locomotives.

These operate over a short semi-rural wooded line, alongside what was an old brickworks,

The WLLR operates passenger steam trains every Sunday and Bank Holiday from the end of March to the end of October.

Special events, including Santa Specials, operate throughout the season and are said to be popular with families and railway enthusiasts alike.

● *See websitewww.westlancsrailway.org/redevelopment for more information about the fundraising.*

Wrightington rated among world's top 100 specialised hospitals

A WEST Lancs hospital has been ranked among the world's top 100 specialised hospitals, according to a new compilation by global publication Newsweek.

Wrightington Hospital was one of only two in the UK dedicated to orthopaedic surgery and rheumatology to make the list and the only one outside of London.

A total of 1,000 hospitals from 11 countries were selected based on recommendations from medical professionals, patient survey results and medical performance indicators.

Tens of thousands of doctors, hospital managers and other healthcare professionals filled in an online survey compiled by Newsweek, global market research company Statista and private medical-insurance provider GeoBlue.

Director of operations - specialist surgery, Rebecca Lyon, said: "We're extremely proud of the work carried out at Wrightington Hospital and take great pride in being a Centre of Excellence in the treatment of musculo-skeletal disease.

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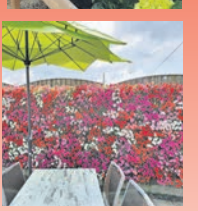

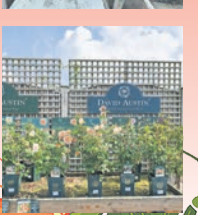

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Older people's charity launches 'Loyal to Lancashire' campaign

...aim is to drum up more local support

Report by **Kenny Parker**

An Age UK Lancashire worker supporting an older person.

AGE UK Lancashire is launching a Loyal to Lancashire campaign aimed at making people aware that it is a local and independent charity - NOT a national one - in a bid to generate more local support.

Last year the charity supported more than 31,000 older people and their carers in the county, providing many different services to meet the needs of the local older population including supporting people home from hospital, providing access to social groups and supporting people living with dementia.

Chief executive of Age UK Lancashire, Teri Stephenson, said: "The campaign is really important to distinguish us as a charity in our own right. Whilst we carry the same branding as the national Age UK, we are independent and self-sufficient, meaning we must raise our own funds to allow us to provide services.

"We know the confusion around ourselves and other older people's charities, but by shouting from the roof top that we are loyal to Lancashire, we hope local people will get behind our cause."

The charity also focuses on being a voice for older people. Recent examples have been helping to influence changes to the Social Care Act, raising awareness of loneliness and most recently being part of the campaign to challenge the TV Licencing decision for people over 75.

Teri Stephenson added: "Everything we do is for the people of Lancashire, from providing vital services, being there to support families and campaigning for change at a local and national level. We want people to know that we are there for them, their families, friends and neighbours when they need us.

"We are really proud of the vital work we do in Lancashire and the positive impact we have on so many individuals and families. Supporting us locally in whatever way people can and being Loyal to Lancashire will ensure we continue to make Lancashire a great place to grow old".

Age UK Lancashire has nine charity shops located throughout the county and is urging people to look out for the Lancashire logo when making donations of clothing or unwanted items.

The charity says that donating and shopping in the Age UK Lancashire local shops ensures that 100% of the money received and raised stays in Lancashire to directly support the charity's work.

The Loyal to Lancashire campaign launches on Tuesday September 3. For information on services, ways to support, including volunteering and the campaigning work Age UK Lancashire does, visit www.ageuklancs.org.uk or ring 0300 303 1234.

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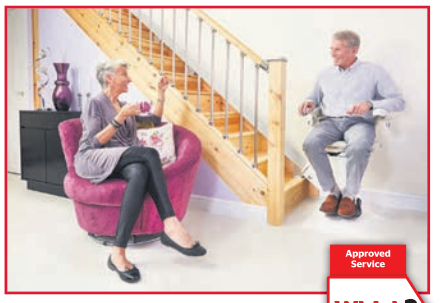

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Union calls off strikes following 'positive' meeting with Merseyrail bosses

...but passengers warned more could follow

Report by **Henry James**

One of the new Merseyrail trains.

THE first three of six strike days planned to take place on Merseyrail by rail union RMT over the role of guards on new trains, have been cancelled.

However, passengers could still face more misery as further strikes haven't been ruled out.

The first of the planned action days by the RMT would have taken place last Saturday, (August 24), with two more set for Tuesday, September 3 and Thursday, September 5.

A spokesman for the RMT, said: "Following a positive meeting with Steve Rotheram Metro Mayor, Merseytravel and the RMT, fresh proposals have been made which represent significant progress in regards to addressing RMT's concerns.

"In order to allow for further detailed discussion the RMT has agreed to suspend industrial action called for August 24 and September 3 and 5, 2019."

A spokesman for Merseyrail added: "Following talks between Merseytravel, Metro Mayor Steve Rotherham and the RMT, we are pleased that the first three days of strike action have been called off to allow further discussions to take place.

"A normal service will run on these dates."

Steve Rotherham commented: "I am pleased that the RMT Union has suspended the first three days of strike action on Merseyrail.

"This is good news for passengers and underlines that significant progress is being made towards reaching a final resolution to this long-running dispute."

There are still strikes planned for Monday, September 30, Wednesday, October 2 and Friday, October 4.

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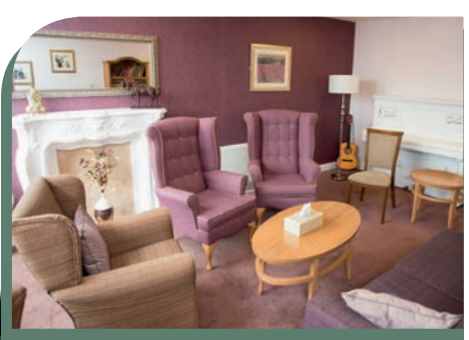
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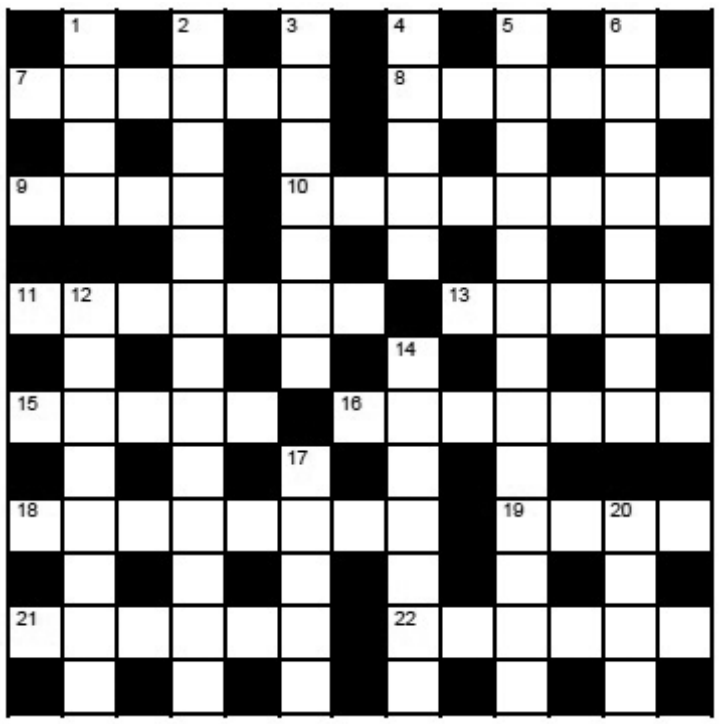

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Across: 7. Circumference. 8. Renounce. 9. Oink. 10. Rickets. 12. Cache. 14. Edict. 16. Shyness. 19. Ogle. 20. Gazetted. 22. Environmental

Down: 1. Aide. 2. O'clock. 3. Amenity. 4. Melee. 5. Fedora. 6. Acanthus. 11. Indigent. 13. Rhizome. 15. Credit. 17. Natant. 18. Aglow. 21. Exam.

ACROSS

7. Verse form consisting of 14 lines with a fixed rhyme scheme (6)
8. Cultivated plant of the parsley family with succulent leaf stalks used as a salad vegetable (6)
9. A marine bivalve mollusc with shells of equal size (4)
10. A member of the House of Lords whose title cannot be inherited (4, 4)
11. An edible fish of the cod family with a protruding lower jaw, found in the North East Atlantic (7)
13. Smelling extremely unpleasant (5)
15. Frenzied (5)
16. A drinking vessel in the form of a stout old man wearing a three-cornered hat (4, 3)
18. Beautiful; very attractive (8)
19. Speech defect (4)
21. Refuse to acknowledge or maintain any connection with (6)
22. Domesticated South American mammal related to the llama, valued for its wool (6)

DOWN

1. Small model of a human figure, typically a baby or girl, used as a child's toy (4)
2. All the living creatures of the world collectively (6, 7)
3. Term for words printed in a sloping typeface for emphasis or distinction (7)
4. An expression of scorn or derision; to eat quickly or greedily (5)
5. A course of action likely to lead to something bad or disastrous (8, 5)
6. Kneeling bench for use during prayer with a raised shelf to rest elbows or a book on (4-4)
12. Large-scale musical composition, usually on a religious theme, for solo voices, chorus and orchestra (8)
14. Former custodial institution for young offenders (7)
17. Unit of weight in the metric system equal to 1,000 kilograms (5)
20. Cult, faith community (4)

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Darts stalwart Peter steps down after more than half-a-century

...meanwhile league seeks new host venues in bid to reverse decline in membership

A STALWART official of the West Lancs 'indoor league' scene is stepping down after more than half-a-century.

Peter Woods, who recently celebrated his 86th birthday, has been secretary of the Ormskirk and District Darts League since 1964, during which time he has been "a cornerstone" of the organisation, according to fellow committee member, John Sharp.

John said: "Peter has headed the league for 55 years and has done a fantastic job as our 'go-to guy'. As well as undertaking many of the tasks involved in running the league he has also personally subsidised some aspects financially. His dedication over more than half-a-century is really incredible."

Meanwhile the league is looking to recruit new members and is inviting venues in the borough to consider submitting teams. A number of factors - including the closure of pubs - has seen the league shrink from a peak of 30 teams playing across Ormskirk, Burscough and Skelmersdale, to just six!

John said: "Over the last three years the league has seen a decline in the amount of teams and players participating and it would be a shame for it to fold after 70 years. Peter stepping down after his long and loyal service gives us an opportunity to look at a new league format and hopefully a fresh injection of new teams.

"In its peak years the league had some 30 pub teams. We are currently running with six and our goal this season is to boost that to at least 10 with a view to growing it further in the coming years."

To take part in the league a pub or club must have a minimum of five players and John says hosting a team can prove financially beneficial as a result of increased custom.

Peter Woods who has retired as secretary of the Ormskirk Darts League after 55 years.

League matches are held on Monday nights and there are individual competitions and additional cup games throughout the season.

A team registration meeting will be held at the 22 Club, Moorgate, Ormskirk, on Monday, September 9 starting at 8.30pm. All interested players or appointees of current teams are asked to attend.

Proposed start date for the league is Monday, October 7. For more information ring 07875 103 802.

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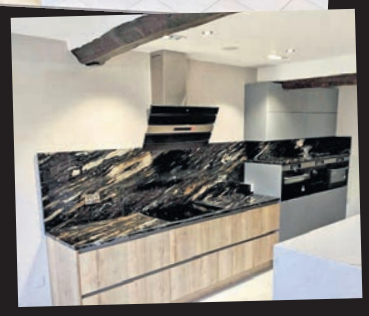

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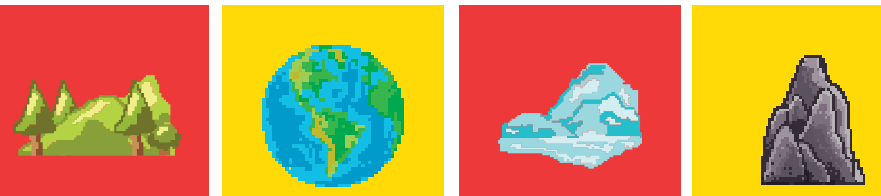

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Daredevil volunteers take the plunge for charity with 150-foot abseil down cathedral

VOLUNTEERS took the plunge for charity when they abseiled 150ft down Liverpool's Anglican Cathedral.

The team at Freshfields Sanctuary in Ince Blundell held the event to raise much-needed funds. Staff at the rescue centre recently revealed it is in a 'state of crisis' and desperately in need of donations.

Champion reporter Danielle Thompson, was one of 34 daredevils who took part. She said: "I am genuinely very afraid of heights so I had no idea why I signed up to this!

"We went up to the top of this beautiful building where the view was daunting but stunning.

"We clipped on our harnesses and ropes, went through a safety gate and then... off and away - after a quick photo at the top!

"I was nervous but it was a lot of fun to push my boundaries, I'd definitely advise anyone to sign up for the charity's next one!

"All of my family really love animals and it means a lot to me to be able to help the Freshfields sanctuary. It couldn't have come at a better time for them either, as they recently declared that they are in the midst of a funding crisis, so every single penny that we can raise will really help.

"I am on track to raise more than £600, which would be really wonderful. Thanks to my family and friends who came to cheer us on and to everyone who has helped with donations - I am very grateful."

To add to Danielle's donations, visit Just Giving and search for 'Abseil down Liverpool Anglican Cathedral.'

Above; Lift off for Champ reporter Danielle. Right: The 150ft drop.

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Tilly (left) and Eve on the fundraising walk.

Doggy treats boost fundraiser!

TWO youngsters raised more than £900 for the Teenage Cancer Trust by holding a series of fundraisers.

Eve Tasker, 14, from Banks and her best friend Tilly Abrams, 14, from Hesketh Bank completed a 10 mile sponsored walk from Hesketh Bank to Southport, held cake sales and created doggy biscuits to sell to pet owners.

Eve's mum, Sue Baxter, said: "At the beginning of the year, Eve and Tilly decided that they would like to organise a fundraiser for this charity - even though neither of them know any teenagers with cancer – as they help children of a similar age to them.

"The first part was to make doggy biscuits and sell them to my clients at Sue Baxter's Pet Sitting and Tilly's mum, Laura's clients at Furry Tails Tarleton.

"Both girls help out in both of our businesses and know a lot of our clients who have dogs. Our clients didn't let them down and were hugely generous and supportive.

"Then a few weeks ago the girls did a 10mile sponsored walk from Hesketh bank to Southport.

"I'd love to see them in the Champion as this would help them to inspire other young people.

"Myself and Laura and our families are so very proud of them."

A couple of canine customers eye up the doggy biscuits created by Tilly and Eve.

Veteran sharpshooter strikes world gold

A VETERAN clay pigeon shooter from Aughton blew away the competition to strike gold at a championshp.

For more than 20 years, sharp shooting Graham Welsh, 70, has been either a county or regional champ at clay pigeon shooting and has a string of other achievements to his name.

He has twice before taken part in All Round World Championship events, winning bronze in the veterans' class in 2013.

However, at this year's event, held in Wales, he came away with the gold medal in his category and was only four targets away from the overall world championship-winning score, finishing joint fourth.

The four-discipline event required all competitors to shoot 25 targets each at single barrel trap, automatic trap, skeet and sporting.

The delighted pensioner said: "I shot really well at the event in Wales and I'm thrilled to have won the gold in my class and finished joint fourth overall at a World Championship shoot."

Graham took up the sport in 1976 and won his first county title in 1994.

And he was a member of the England shooting teams that won the Olympic Skeet Home International tournaments in 2001 and 2002 and is currently the 2019 Veteran Lancashire champion in the down the line trap discipline.

Sharpshooter Graham Welsh.

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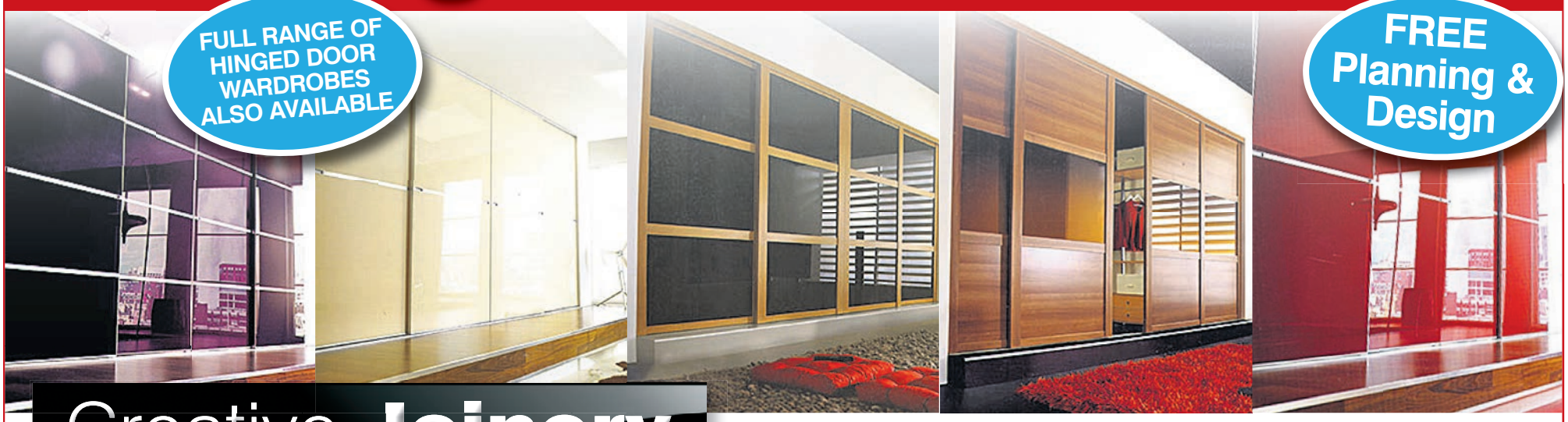

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The finale of The Wedding Singer which was staged by the Spotlights in June

Spotlights holding rehearsals

FOLLOWING their hugely successful production of The Wedding Singer in June (finale pictured above), Southport Spotlights MTS will be bringing Andrew Lloyd Webber's stunning musical, Sunset Boulevard, to Southport next February.

Rehearsals will begin in September and Spotlights would welcome anyone who wants to be a part of this fantastic show to come along to the preliminary rehearsal on Monday, September 2 at 7.30 pm at Greenbank School, Hastings Road, Hillside.

The production team will be talking about the show, its characters and rehearsing the audition pieces. There will be two further audition rehearsals, with the actual auditions taking place on Thursday, September 12.

Sunset Boulevard is based on the classic 1950 film noir of the same name

The film Sunset Boulevard was nominated for 11 Academy Awards and won three. Andrew Lloyd Webber's show opened in London in 1993. The original 1995 Broadway production won eight Tony Awards. Over the years, Norma Desmond has been played by Elaine Paige, Patti LuPone, Glenn Close and Petula Clark to name a few.

Sunset Boulevard will be performed from February 5 to 8 2020 at the Little Theatre, Southport.

Tickets will be available from November 18 online at www.ticketsource.co.uk/southport-spotlights (24 hours) or by phoning the ticketline on 07927 331977 (evenings only 7pm to 10pm).

Dragons and mythical beasts to take to streets for festival

Report by **Kenny Parker**

A parade through the streets of Parbold at a previous Arts and Music Festival.

DRAGONS and mythical beats will once again take to the street of Parbold as the village stages its fifth arts and music festival.

Originally conceived as a smaller version of a combined Glastonbury and Notting Hill Carnival by one of the organisers Dave Reid, the Parbold Street Festival of Arts and Music will take place across 14 venues over the weekend of August 31 and September 1 from 12pm to 6pm both days.

Sections of The Common, Station Road and Mill Lane will be closed to through traffic to enable the street to be filled with parades, stalls, food, music and entertainment.

Music venues around the village will be offering all types of music from brass bands and choirs, to folk, country, pop and rock.

Parbold UnLImited, the local committee which organises the event, will have a stage at the Railway Hotel pub, Station Road, while E Rooms from Skelmersdale will have a stage at the canal on Mill Leat.

Also in the village there will be market places, a play zone and food and drink

Parades will be held on both Saturday and Sunday at 2pm telling the story of 'The Legend of Parbold Hill' featuring dragons, Sunny, 'the dragon protector', and mythical beasts.

At 10 o'clock on Sunday there will be a church event on the Parbold UnLimited stage with music and performances.

This will be followed by a duck race on the canal at 1pm.

Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service has again offered to provide a fire engine and hoses to create waves on the canal.

Weather permitting, parking is available at Parbold Equestrian Centre, Bradshaw Lane, Parbold.

Fun arts events for family at Chapel Gallery

FAMILIES are invited to flock into Ormskirk to discover the beauty of birds in the pages of children's books, and join in with a new creative arts family fun festival.

West Lancs council says it is delighted to be working with Reading Rocks to bring 'Migrate to Ormskirk' to the town.

The festival will feature a range of free, fun, family art-activities including drawing or stitching a bird, painting a crazy egg design or creating a poem.

The first event takes place this (Thursday, August 29) between 11am–4pm, when families can come to the stall on Ormskirk Market to work with professional Illustrator Gill Smith. They can create their own bird pebble for free, take it home or hide it for another bird watcher to find.

This Saturday (August 31) the Chapel Gallery hosts a fun, family day, full of free arts activities.

Visitors can meet Yuval Zommer, the author and illustrator of The Big Book of Birds, who will be at the gallery at 1.30pm. Between 10am and 4pm people can try drawing a bird or painting a crazy egg design, and discover beautiful birdsong with the RSPB.

Both of these 'Migrate to Ormskirk' activities are drop in sessions so no booking for activities is required.

From September 12, the gallery will be hosting creative writing and book art workshops for children run by Reading Rocks.

For more information see www.whereareadingrocks.com/reading-rocks-chapel-gallery/

Councillor Yvonne Gagen, cabinet member for leisure, said: "There is so much for people to enjoy with these exciting activities so make sure you and your children don't miss them."

Author and illustrator Yuval Zommer who will be attending the arts festival at Chapel Gallery.

Prepare for a nostalgia Rock & Roll extravaganza

A scene from That'll Be The Day

PREPARE for a nostalgia extravaganza as the UK's No.1 Rock & Roll variety production is back in Southport, but this time with a special edition show.

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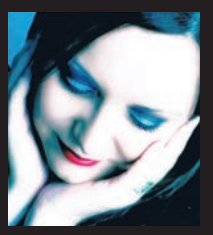

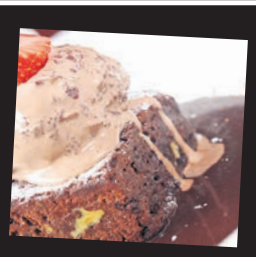

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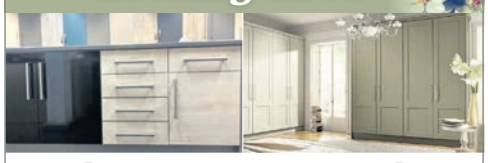

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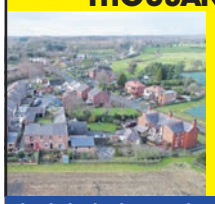

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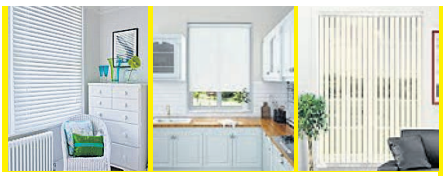

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ABRAM JEAN

Kay would like to thank all friends and staff at Abbey Wood Lodge Care Home for their kindness, sympathy cards, support and donations to The Bishop David Sheppard School received following the recent sad loss of her dearly loved Mum Jean.
A special thankyou to Roy Doran and Peter Middleton for the beautiful Service, and Anabel Hunter and team at MLS Independent Funeral Directors for the kindness, support and professionalism.

PARR CORA

John and family would like to thank relatives, friends and neighbours for their very kind thoughts of sympathy and the many cards and donations received during their recent loss of their much loved Wife, Mum, Nan and Great-Nan.

Special thanks to all those who attended the service for Cora at St John the Evangelist RC Church on Thursday the 16th August.
The family wish to express their sincerest appreciation to Father Mooney, Ken Breen and Mr A Colwell for such a lovely service for Cora.
Grateful thanks to Sally Hunter and the team at MLS Independent Funeral Directors for their compassion, dignity and guidance given to us at such a difficult time.

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RUSHTON JOHN

Brenda and family wish to sincerely thank all family and friends for all their many messages of condolence, sympathy cards and donations to Kidney Research received during the sad loss of John.

Special thanks to James for his wonderful tribute, Rev. Gregor Cuff for his lovely funeral service and Margaret Hunter and the Team at MLS Independent Funeral Directors for their support and guidance.

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DEATHS

WILLIAMS ELSIE JOSEPHINE (NEE KERR)

Sadly passed away at Daffodil Lodge Care Home, on 22nd August 2019
Aged 88 years

Dearly beloved Wife of the late Eddie.
Much loved Mum of Lynette, Stephanie and David.
Dear Mother-in-Law of Malc, Les and Caroline.
Loving Nan of Gemma, Matthew, Abaigeal, Phoebe and Oliver and Great Nana to Isabel, Eleanor, Max and Isla.
Elsie will be sadly missed by all her family and friends.

Funeral Service and Committal will take place at West Lancashire Crematorium on Tuesday 3rd September 2019 at 11.30am.
Family flowers only by request please.
Donations if so desired are being gratefully received by the family for Alzheimer's Society.
Further enquiries please to Cookson Tyrer Funeral Directors, 2 Smithy Walk, Burscough, Lancashire L40 5UU Tel 01704 897770.

DEATHS

JAMES KENNETH HENRY

16th August 2019
Passed away peacefully in Queenscourt Hospice after a short illness
Aged 85 Years, of Aughton

Dearly loved Husband of Margaret, Father and Grandfather.
Funeral Service at West Lancashire Crematorium, Burscough on Friday 30th August 2019 at 11:30 am
Family flowers only by request, but donations if so desired for Queenscourt Hospice.

Donations and further enquires please to Sally Hunter, MLS Independent Funeral Directors, 20 Moss Delph Lane, Aughton, Ormskirk, L39 5DZ.
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STAMP Formerly McGeorge Nee Morrissey HELEN ESTHER

Died 14th August 2019
Aged 73. In hospital after a short illness.

Will be greatly missed by Husband Bert and children Suzanne and David.
Beloved Grandma to Phoebe, Alexa, Aidan and Kieran, and Mother-in-Law to Jon and Jenny.
Much loved by her siblings and the rest of her large family in England and Ireland.
Service will be held at Our Lady's Church, Formby on August 30th at 12:00 Noon followed by interment at Sacred Heart Cemetery at 1:15pm.
Family flowers only please but donations if desired payable to 'Versus Arthritis' or "Arthritis Ireland" c/o Dean Brothers Independent Funeral Directors, 76 Gores Lane, Formby, Liverpool, L37 7DF.
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DEATHS

TOOTLE BRIAN (WILLIAM)

23/12/33 - 18/8/19
Sadly passed away peacefully at Aintree Hospital on Sunday 18th August 2019

Loving Husband to Elaine. Dearly loved Dad to Steve, Christopher, Louise, Hayley and Rosanna. Cherished Grandad to Lacey, Dylan, Kieran and Kai. Much loved Brother to Jean. He will be sadly missed by all his family and friends. His infectious smile and character will be dearly missed.
Family flowers only, donations if desired to British Lung Foundation.
Funeral Service to be held at Southport Crematorium on Friday 30th August at 12.40pm. All enquiries to Hunters Funeral Directors, 128b Burscough St, Ormskirk L39 2EY. Tel 01695 572997

MILLIGAN JILL (NEE ABBOTT)

Suddenly on 8th August 2019 at her home in Abu Dhabi, UAE.
Aged 58 years.

Loving Daughter of Irene and the late Ted. Beloved Wife of John. Dearly loved Mum of Steven and Claire. Loving Nan to her Granchildren and devoted Sister of Lynne. Jill will be sadly missed by all her family and friends.
Following a cremation service in the Middle East - a Memorial Service will be held at Southport Crematorium Chapel on Friday 6th September at 2 o'clock.
No flowers by request, donations are being received for Alley Cats & Kittens - Pet adoption services.
Further enquiries to Moisters Funeralcare, 25a Sefton Street, Southport PR8 6SG. Tel: 01704 501501

DEATHS

CARBY MARY

31st July 2019
We are sad to announce that Lieutenant Colonel Mary Carby passed away peacefully in her sleep at Homesands House aged 93 years.

She was a much loved Auntie of Nephews and Nieces, members of the Carby family and a friend to many people in and around Southport.
Funeral service and committal will take place at Southport Crematorium on Thursday 5th September 2019 at 12 noon followed by a thanksgiving service at The Salvation Army in Shakespeare Street at 1.15pm.
The family are gratefully receiving donations for the work of The Salvation Army in Southport.

Further enquiries please to Brookfields Funeralcare, 73-75 Shakespeare Street, Southport, PR8 5AJ. Tel No: 01704 532106

BAKER GWEN

Died 14th August 2019

Peacefully at home Devoted Wife of the late Peter.
Much loved Mum of Chris and Peter.
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Cherished Sister of Alan, Brenda, Joan and the late Maisie.
Gwen will be greatly missed by all her family and friends.

Service at Southport Crematorium on Monday 2nd September 2019 at 12 noon.
Family flowers only, but if desired, donations are being collected for Claire House Children's Hospice.
Enquiries to Howard's Funeral Directors, 1-5 Roe Lane, Southport, PR9 9DR.
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DEATHS

NELSON LIBBY

16th August 2019
Suddenly at home
Aged 18 years

Dearly loved Daughter of Clare and Gary and Sister of Hannah and Grace. Grand-Daughter of Joan and Alec, Val, Vinny and Kim. Much loved Niece of Caroline, Julie and Tony, Wayne and Shirley, Sandra and Jez. A much loved Cousin of Steph, Tom, Archie, Jess, Sophie, Luke, Jess & Amy. Libby will be sadly missed by all her family, friends and all who knew her.

Funeral service and committal will take place at Southport Crematorium on Monday 2nd September 2019 at 3.20pm.

Family flowers only by request please but the family are gratefully receiving donations for Merefield School.

Further enquiries please to Brookfields Funeralcare, 73-75 Shakespeare Street, Southport, PR8 5AJ. Tel No: 01704 532106.

WARD KEN

21st August 2019
Passed away peacefully after a long illness
Aged 66 Years of Ormskirk

Dearly loved Husband of Julie. Much loved Dad of Leigh and James. Devoted Popsie to Chester, Cooper and Maggie. He will be sadly missed by all the family.
Funeral Service at Christ Church, Aughton on Friday 30th August 2019 at 2:00pm, followed by Committal at West Lancashire Crematorium, Burscough.
Family flowers only by request but donations if so desired for Southport and Ormskirk NHS Trust Spinal Injury Unit.

Donations and further enquires please to Sally Hunter MLS Independent Funeral Directors, 20 Moss Delph Lane, Aughton, Ormskirk L39 5DZ.

DEATHS

FINEGAN ELIZABETH 'BETTY'

22nd August 2019

Peacefully at Peacehaven House, Southport
Aged 91 years

Dearly beloved Wife of the late George.
Much loved Mum of Robert and Christine and Mother-in-Law to Jean.
Wonderful Grandma to Peter, Sarah, Michael, Kathryn and Robert and Great-Grandma to Declan, Jack, Patsy and Olivia.
Betty will be sadly missed by all who knew her.

Funeral Service and Committal will take place at Southport Crematorium on Wednesday 4th September 2019 at 2.40pm. Family flowers only by request please but if so desired donations can be made to The Royal British Legion.

Further enquiries to Porters Funeralcare, 111a Bispham Road, Southport, PR9 7BJ, Telephone Number 01704 212714.

WOODS BRIAN RICHARD

20th August 2019
Suddenly in hospital aged 79 years of Burscough

Beloved Husband of Margaret, much loved Dad of Julia (deceased) and Angela. Devoted Grandad of Christopher and Rebecca and loving Great Grandad to George, Charlotte, Harry, Oscar and Evie. He will be sadly missed by all his family and friends.
Funeral service at West Lancashire Crematorium on Friday 30th August 2019 at 10:45am.
Family flowers only please, donations if desired in aid of R.N.L.I.
All enquiries to Melanie Hardman at H Hardman & Co. Independent Family Funeral Directors of Skelmersdale, Ormskirk & Scarisbirck Tel:- 01695 722122/720012

DEATHS

RODWELL ANTHONY (TONY)

On the 22nd August 2019
Peacefully at Birch Abbey
Aged 77 Years

Beloved Husband and friend of Carolyn, devoted Dad to Joanne, Neil and Caroline.
Much loved Father-in-law to Linda and Darrell, and the best Granddad ever to Lucy, Hannah, Ella, Lauren and Grace.
He will be sadly missed by family and friends.
The funeral service will take place at St Maries, Seabank Road, on Thursday September the 5th at 12 noon, followed by a private cremation.
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ROTHERAM ROBERT (ROB)

19th August 2019 peacefully in hospital, aged 71 years

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(C160 SPA LANE, LATHOM, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH) (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2019 (TEMPORARY AMENDMENT) ORDER 2019

The Lancashire County Council ("the County Council") in exercise of its powers under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, (the Act), and of all other enabling powers,
HEREBY makes the following Order:-
The Lancashire County Council (C160 Spa Lane, Lathom, West Lancashire Borough)(Temporary Prohibition Of Through Traffic) Order 2019, is hereby temporarily Amended in that:
i. To amend Article 3 as follows:
The prohibition will be operative daily from 0930 hours on Monday 2nd September until 1500 hours on Tuesday 17th September 2019 or until completion of the works within this period. Closure will only be in place between the above times on each day. Access will be maintained whenever and wherever possible. School services will be accommodated.
This Temporary Amendment Order shall come into operation on Thursday 15th August 2019 and may be cited as **"The Lancashire County Council (C160 Spa Lane, Lathom, West Lancashire Borough) (Temporary Prohibition Of Through Traffic) Order 2019 (Temporary Amendment) Order 2019"**
Michael White, Network Regulation Manager, Highways and Transport,
0300 123 6780 [Ref: HRiT/17900/EW/1]

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LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(C147 CHAPEL ROAD, HESKETH-WITH-BECCONSALL, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH) (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2019
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council intend to make an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.
1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle or cycle to proceed over that length of C147 Chapel Road, Hesketh-with-Becconsall from U49190 Chandlers Croft, Hesketh-with-Becconsall to C142 Shore Road, Hesketh-with-Becconsall. 2. Nothing in this order shall apply to persons engaged in the carrying out of the works. 3. The prohibition will be operative from 0930 hours on Monday 16th September 2019 until 1500 hours on Tuesday 24th September 2019 or until completion of the works within this period. Closure will be in place only between the times stated above each day. Access will be maintained whenever and wherever possible. School buses will be accommodated during the closure period but scheduled service 2 will be affected.
4. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:- C142 Shore Road, Hesketh-with-Becconsall – C142 Station Road, Hesketh-with-Becconsall – C147 Chapel Road, Hesketh-with-Becconsall and vice versa.
The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow a safe working environment to be provided for carriageway resurfacing works to be carried out by Lancashire County Council.
Authority given for this Order to be made:
Peter Bell, Regulation and Enforcement Manager, Lancashire Highway Services, 0300 123 6780 [Ref: HRiT/18731/EW]

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(C160 SPA LANE, LATHOM, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH) (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2019
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council have made an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.
1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle or cycle to proceed over that length of C160 Spa Lane, Lathom from B5240 Hall Lane, Lathom to C160 Vale Lane, Lathom. 2. Nothing in this order shall apply to persons engaged in the carrying out of the works. 3. The prohibition will be operative daily from 0930 hours on Monday 2nd September until 1500 hours on Monday 16th September 2019 or until completion of the works within this period. Closure will only be in place between the above times on each day. Access will be maintained whenever and wherever possible. School services will be accommodated.
4. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:- B5240 Hall Lane, Lathom – B5240 Plough Lane, Lathom – A577 Wigan Road, Blaguegate – A577 Dickets Lane, Blaguegate – A577 Blaguegate Lane, Blaguegate – A577 Ormskirk Road, Skelmersdale – A577 Neverstitch Road, Skelmersdale – C152 Glenburn Road, Skelmersdale – C160 Vale Lane, Lathom
The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow Carriageway inlay works to be carried out by Lancashire County Council – Highways.
Authority given for this Order to be made:
Michael White, Network Regulation Manager, Lancashire Highway Services, 0300 123 6701 [Ref: HRiT/17900/EW]

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West Lancashire Borough Council
Planning (Listed Buildings & Conservation Areas) Act 1990 Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015 - Article 15
APPLICATION(S) FOR PLANNING PERMISSION
2019/0747/FUL Construction of a mushroom farm in conjunction with the agricultural business, Smithy Mushrooms Limited, to include portal frame buildings, car parking, hardstanding and sustainable drainage system at Bungalow Farm, Heatons Bridge Road, Scarisbrick.
2019/0839/FUL Change of use of part of A1, shop, to A5, hot food takeaway. Installation of external flue (retrospective) at Scott Drive Superstore, 12 - 14 Scott Drive, Ormskirk.
The applications are available for viewing on the Council's website www.westlancs.gov.uk/planning. Alternatively, the application can be viewed during normal office hours at 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk and at 1st Floor, The Concourse, Skelmersdale. If you wish to comment on the proposal you can do so via the Council's web site, by e-mail to plan.apps@westlancs.gov.uk or in writing to Development and Regeneration Services, 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk, but these must be received within 24 days of the date of this notice quoting the application number.
Applications for Minor Commercial and Householder Development
If an appeal is made against a decision to refuse to grant planning permission, and that appeal proceeds under the written representations procedure, any representations made to the Council will be passed to the Secretary of State and there will be no opportunity to make further representations.
How information about you will be used
Personal data provided by you will be used as part of the Council's statutory planning duties. Some of this information, including your name and address, will be published. Further information about this is available online at www.westlancs.gov.uk/planning and hard copies are available on request.
John R Harrison DipEnvP., MRTPI Director of Development and Regeneration
Dated: 28th August 2019
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Report of the Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman (LGO)
The Local Government Ombudsman has issued a report following its investigation of a complaint against Lancashire County Council children's care services. The Ombudsman found fault on the part of the Council, and this caused injustice to the complainant. Lancashire County Council has agreed with the action recommended, has apologised to the family involved and will make the recommended payments.
Copies of the report are available for public inspection during normal office hours at County Hall, Preston for three weeks starting on 29 August.
Anyone is entitled to take copies of the report or extracts from it. Copies will be supplied free of charge.

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LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(STATION ROAD AND HEATHY LANE, DOWNHOLLAND, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH) (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2019
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council have made an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.
1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle to proceed over that length of Station Road and Heathy Lane, Downholland from Southport Road, Downholland to Plex Moss Lane, Halsall. Exemption to this is permitted for the contractors carrying out the works.
2. The prohibition will be operative from 0800 hours on Monday 2nd September 2019 until 1800 hours on Friday 27th September 2019 or until completion of the works within this period. Access will be maintained whenever and wherever possible.
3. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:- Southport Road – Plex Moss Lane
The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow the installation of a new water main works to be carried out by Mott MacDonald Bentley Limited.
Authority given for this Order to be made:
Michael White, Network Regulation Manager, Lancashire Highway Services, 0300 123 6701 [Ref: HRiT/17344/EW]

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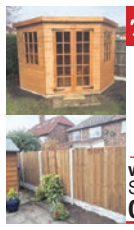
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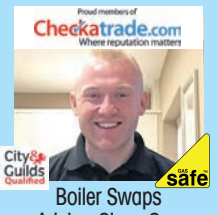

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A VW deal could give Audi and Skoda owners access to Tesla charging tech in future

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ELON MUSK must be ecstatic. Having already conquered the world with Paypal, taken on NASA at the space exploration game and threatened to revolutionise mass transport with the brilliantly-named The Boring Company, he's now got a new suitor.

The world's second biggest car company, no less.

That's right, word on the street is that Volkswagen is interested in buying a stake in Tesla.

Admittedly, Volkswagen hasn't successfully shot one of its own cars into space but it has pulled off a few other tricks of its own – after selling 21 million Beetles and popularising the hot hatchback it's gone on to snap up Audi, Porsche, SEAT, Skoda, Bentley, Bugatti and Lamborghini, along with superbike specialist Ducati and truck builder MAN.

They're behind only Toyota in the car-building stakes, and still on an upward trajectory.

What's more, they're on the cusp of launching their own sub-brand, called ID, which focuses on zero emissions vehicles.

But owning Tesla – or at least, a bit of it – seems like an entirely smart move. Not only does it give VW access to all of the Californian start-up's battery tech, which for years has been ahead of everyone else in the electric car game, but it also gives it access to all those Tesla-branded smart chargers you see at motorway service stations.

The other day I called into Fleet Services on the M3 and saw a line of six of them sitting unused while Nissan LEAF and Mitsubishi Outlander owners were practically trading blows over the Ecotricity ones nearby, but if VW and Audi owners were able to use Tesla ones too in a few years' time, it'd make more sense for everyone.

But I'd like to think the suits at VW are interested in what I think is something even more remarkable that's potentially on the table; the creation of a brand's street cred out of nowhere. Think about how long it's taken Toyota to win over a generation of cynical Brits with Lexus, and yet in half the time there are now car mags urging you to go electric and buy a Model 3 over a 320d.

The internet's even invented its own term for someone prepared to defend Elon Musk's offerings, even in the face of outright hostility from the rest of the motoring world – the Tesla Fanboy. That such a term – and the people behind it – exists at all just shows you how much currency the cars created by someone I'm still convinced is a real-life Bond villain have with today's buyers.

Yet here's the weird thing – Tesla, for all its trick gullwing doors, ability to defeat McLarens in drag races and to make cars that can drive themselves, is still struggling to make long-term profits. It's moved the motoring game and brought us some very cool cars at the expense of….well, at the expense. So, in other words, it's where Aston Martin was 30 years ago.

What it needs is the equivalent of the DB7 – a brilliant car that transforms the company, bankrolled by someone else. VW and Tesla, then, are a match made in heaven.

Your move, Elon…

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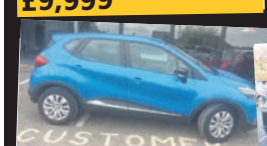

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Skem's Anthony Cato scores their second equaliser against Whitchurch. Picture by John Driscoll

Skem concede late goal to lose five goal thriller

Skelmersdale United 2
Whitchurch Alport 3

SKELMERSDALE United were on the losing end of a Bank Holiday Monday thriller when they were narrowly beaten by league leaders Whitchurch Alport, *writes Neil Leatherbarrow*.

It was clear from the off that the game was going to be a close one, the opening 25 minutes generating few chances as both teams cancelled each other out.

It was a 27th minute penalty that brought the first real goalmouth action, Whitchurch number nine Jed Ellis ran straight at home defender Jordan Tyrer who mistimed his challenge and left referee Matthew Young with an easy decision in pointing to the spot.

Darren Campion took the penalty, Skelmersdale goalkeeper Ben Barnes dived to his right and parried the ball away.

The excitement brought the game to life and by the interval Dylan Bath curled a shot just past Skem's far post, then Barnes did well to tip an Arron Johns attempt over his crossbar.

Whitchurch started the second-half strongly and within seconds Bath put one over the crossbar before Barnes made a brave save at Nick Porter's feet.

The visitors took the lead on 51 minutes; Porter was tripped but referee Mr Young played on, leaving Ellis a great chance that he duly put away.

Skelmersdale equalised in the 56th minute. Tom Croughan tucking the ball away well after a tidy build-up down the left side.

It was game on now and the crowd after basking in the sun during most of the first-half were now enthralled.

On 61 minutes Ellis struck again and this time it was due to poor defending by a ball watching Skelmersdale, the ball found Ellis about 25 yards from goal in far too much space, he turned ran past a defender and hit a low shot across Barnes into the far corner of the net.

Gradually Skelmersdale built-up the pressure on the Whitchurch goal as they searched for a second equaliser, forcing the away defence deeper and deeper.

Finally in the 81st minute Skem got the goal their efforts deserved. Liam Wood's ball in from the left was poorly cleared, and the ball ran to Anthony Cato just inside the 18 yard line, calmly the Ormskirk based player brought the ball down, let it bounce once and volleyed it into the far side of the Whitchurch net.

It was a mistake from Brodie that cost Skelmersdale the game. The big centre-forward put the ball straight to Ellis, who ran on and finished his chance well into the bottom corner of the net to complete his hat-trick.

Skem were stunned, the goal was a body blow that they could say was unfair on balance of play.

Marvin Molyneux expressed his views to the referee a bit too vociferously and became the first ever Skelmersdale player to be sin-binned under the new rule that is active in the North-West Counties League this season.

In the last moments of added time Skem almost rescued a point, Joe Cawley seeing his goal bound shot deflected away for a corner.

City of Liverpool 2
Skelmersdale United 1
FA Cup Preliminary Round

SKELMERSDALE United conceded a last gasp winner against local rivals City of Liverpool as they were knocked out the FA Cup Preliminary Round in dramatic fashion, *writes Simon Driscoll.*

The two sides cancelled each other out in the early stages with the first real chance of the afternoon proving to be vital as the hosts opened the scoring on nine minutes.

Liam Dawson dispossessed Patrick Hamid and found the run of Tom Peterson who in advancing on goal, drew a strong parry from Ben Barnes, though he was left helpless to prevent Jack Hazelhurst from heading into the net via the post for 1-0.

On 23 minutes Peterson raced towards goal and saw a certain goal denied with the ball cannoning back off the post after beating Barnes.

United began the second half brightly with a cross from Wood seeing Tom Croughan hit at goal, his effort was superly blocked ahead of the line by Anthony Brown. The Purps had the ball in the net for a second time minutes later but were denied with Peterson being in an offside position while slotting past Barnes.

Skelmersdale levelled in spectacular fashion after substitute Matt Coughlan guided a long range free-kick past Johnson with pinpoint precision for 1-1.

The tie looked to be heading for a reply as time ticked over the 90 minutes but the hosts had other ideas, Hazelhurst collecting a long pass and cutting inside to curl a superb shot which sailed over Barnes and into the top corner for 2-1.

United should have levelled in added time with Coughlan's lofted pass finding captain Jordan Tyrer in great space but with the goal at this mercy, he could only send the ball achingly over the bar. The final chance of the afternoon went even closer with Nevitt's run seeing him left with an almost open goal which saw him slot past the post.

United turn their attention to the FA Vase this Saturday when they host New Mills at 3pm.

Ormskirk hang on for draw with Northern

ORMKSKIRK stay in second place in the Liverpool & District Cricket Competition Premier Division but had to hang on for a draw at fourth placed Northern on Saturday.

The hosts chose to bat and eventually declared on 183-7 with Taylor Cornall 60, Liam Grey 41 and skipper James Cole 34 scoring the bulk of the runs, while Tom Hartley took 3-60 with the ball.

In reply, John Armstrong 32, Tyler McGladdery 26 and Hartley 25 all made decent starts, before Grey 3-45 swung the match in the home side's favour with three wickets, leaving Gary Knight 42* and Jamie Barnes 0* to hold on for a draw at 156-9.

Northern's Tom Sephton took his wicket tally past 50 for the season with 4-74.

Bootle extended their lead at the top of the table to 47 points after a commanding eight wicket win at bottom placed Colwyn Bay.

The hosts were put in to bat and dismissed for 180, with Michael Littler 65 and Saliya Jeewantha 63 the only players to reach double figures, against an attack led by Hampshire's Keith Barker who took 5-55. In reply, an unbeaten century from Will Hale 103* (11x4 & 1x6) and an undefeated 47* from Vishal Tripathi led the leaders to victory on 184-2.

Fifth placed Formby struggled to 129 all out at relegation threatened Lytham, with Ireland skipper Will Porterfield 38 and David Atkinson 20 the only batsmen able to offer much with the willow, whilst Alex Mason 3-17 and Lancashire's Toby Lester 3-27 took the majority of the wickets. In reply, Atkinson then spun the visitors to victory as his 8-30 helped dismiss the hosts just 92 to wrap up a 37 run victory, with Tom Jefferson unbeaten on 36*.

Southport & Birkdale sit just above the drop zone ten points clear of Lytham after a demoralising eight run home defeat by Rainhill, the visitors chose to bat and were dismissed for 147 with Reece Davies 31 top scoring against a bowling attack led by skipper Chris Firth 5-46. In reply, the hosts got off to a great start and at 120-4 were firmly in the driving seat thanks to runs from Isaac Lea 39, Adam Phillips 29, Will Affleck 24 and Brad Yates 22, however a middle to late order collapse saw them lose their last six wickets for just 19 runs as they were dismissed for 139, with Qaiser Ashraf taking 6-46.

Picture by Roger Green. Northern's Liam Grey scored 41 runs and took three wickets against Ormskirk.

Navdeep hits unbeaten century to set up big victory for Burscough

IN the Second Division, Burscough eased up the table with a resounding 163 run home win over bottom placed Alder.

Having been asked to bat first the hosts rattled up 259-3 declared, thanks in no small part to an unbeaten century from Navdeep Aujla 105, an unbeaten 60 from Jon Stone, 50 from Lee Berrie and 29 from Ryan Hughes.

In reply, Michael Ambrose top scored with 54 as the visitors were dismissed for 96 with Chris Andrews taking 3-23.

Linnets well-beaten against much-improved Bucks side

Bootle 4
Burscough 1

BURSCOUGH were well-beaten against local rivals Bootle on Bank Holiday Monday.

Carl Peers got the first goal after he broke into the box before neatly finishing.

Soon after that former Burscough man Chad Whyte was hacked down in the penalty area and Steven Hoy put home the spot kick.

Bill Whittle got the third just moments after coming on as substitute when he scored with is first touch of the game.

Jordan Coates pegged one back for the Linnets but they were reduced to ten men when Louis Hays was dismissed for a bad challenge.

Bootle extended their lead in stoppage time when Steven Jones got in on the goals to make it 4-1 as the Bucks turn around their poor form at the beginning of the season.

Burscough will have to improve if they are to take points from one of the league's top sides.

Trafford 2
Burscough 0
FA Cup Preliminary Round

A GOAL at the end of each half ended Burscough's FA Cup hopes for another year.

Burscough may have taken the lead on 40 minutes but a steaming shot from Zachery Adekoya went inches wide.

Trafford took the advantage moments before the interval, Sam Grimshaw bursting through from midfield before rifling a shot low into the bottom corner.

The best effort for Burscough in the second-half included a header from Jordan Coates that was saved by home goalkeeper Matt Cooper.

Burscough battled to the very end and it was in added time before they were finally beaten.

With many players committed in search of the elusive equaliser Trafford counterattacked down the left-hand side, Darius Palma running into clear space from where he slotted the ball past Dominic Garner to make it 2-0.

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